

MINUTES
TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
Schoolnet Integration Subcommittee

DATE: August 08, 2011
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: WW54
MEMBERS: Debbie Critchfield, Maria Nate, Marne Curtis, Mary Vollmer, Penni Cyr, Linda Clark, Gary Smith, Mike Fornander

Debbie Critchfield welcomed the committee and new member Penni Cyr.

A short review of the agenda was given and all members agreed that there was no need to meet the next day.

The committee agreed that an online survey would be sent out to all superintendents to gather data on how knowledgeable districts are on digital content and what has been or is being used in their district. The survey will be deployed for a week and results will be presented back to the committee and the Albertson's Foundation.

Warren Danforth reported that a total of five pilot districts have been selected and final stages of contracts are in process. Pilot districts are Meridian, New Plymouth, Sugar-Salem, Richfield and Lake Pend Oreille. Kick-off meetings and trainings are scheduled for September 6, 7, and 9.

The deployment will be in cohorts and about 63% of the districts will be using Schoolnet. The districts are not mandated to use Schoolnet.

Danforth also shared that Schoolnet provided a presentation to superintendents and a live demonstration of the system in a recent superintendents' meeting. There were general apprehensions for all the changes going on, but toward the end of the presentation some districts were inquiring to be in the pilot phase.

Some top concerns from superintendents were cost issues to districts and the deployment/training timeline.

The group suggested to Danforth that professional development be provided and will work best if it's be done in small groups or by means of peer teaching.

Danforth shared that there may be some teacher leadership money available that may be used as an incentive for teachers having to do extra roles as far as providing training for Schoolnet project.

The committee also recommended that districts be required to submit a plan on

how to do follow-up training.

In addition, Danforth also mentioned that there will be capacity builder training in October with about 30 retired superintendents.

Danforth reported that there will be \$4 million available to the districts that will be distributed over two years to provide professional development, procure mobile devices, build network infrastructure, and other enabling components to make Schoolnet work.

The group will recommend to the general committee the need to have a whole group discussion on current activities of each committee, the process of fund distributions and to further discuss the grant process.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.