

MINUTES
TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
Executive Committee

DATE: August 9, 2011
TIME: 11:45 am
PLACE: WW02

MEMBERS: Stefani Cook, Reed DeMordaunt, Mike Fornander, Tom Luna, Aaron McKinnon, Jayson Ronk

Superintendent Luna conducted the meeting. The Executive Committee discussed how some subcommittee members would like a better understanding of different funding flows and whether each pot of funding is formula driven or grant driven. It was decided that a presentation would be given to the full task force on this topic at the September meeting.

Aaron McKinnon from the Online Learning Implementation Subcommittee reported they'd discussed a sample fractional ADA breakdown prepared by State Department of Education staff that was intended to show how fractional ADA might work in different sized districts. The subcommittee is having preliminary discussions about the possibility of entering into a statewide online contract with multiple vendors. Districts would then be able to choose whether or not to utilize the state contract. The subcommittee also discussed what online course providers can do to help students complete their courses.

Representative DeMordaunt from the One-to-One Governance and Instructional Integration Subcommittee discussed the wireless deployment in high schools. The Idaho Education Network will handle the wireless deployment to high schools and buildings that serve 9th graders. The WiFi will be scaled to support the number of students.

Mike Fornander from the Schoolnet Integration Subcommittee reported that their subcommittee wants to make sure the purchase of digital content is done with the same due diligence that was taken in choosing Schoolnet. He also reported that the Schoolnet Subcommittee's work is starting to slowly wind down.

Stefani Cook from the Classroom Technology Integration Subcommittee reported she believes her subcommittee has a good understanding about the flow of funding and timing. The first classroom technology funding will be available in September, and the subcommittee finalized a plan for reporting what classroom technology is bought and how it will be used. They agreed that it's important that the plans are evaluated each year, since the funding is recurring each year.

The group discussed a possible site visit to the Microsoft headquarters in Washington State. Concerns about the budget and engaging with vendors who may potentially bid on a technology contract were raised. The group discussed Mark Little from the Division of Purchasing possibly presenting to the full task force on what contact is appropriate with vendors at the September meeting.

Jayson Ronk from the Platform, Specifications, and Procurement Subcommittee reported they need guidance from the One-to-One Governance and Instructional Integration Subcommittee on whether the devices will be allowed to be taken home with the student. The subcommittee discussed whether the state should procure one device, rather than multiple devices, to leverage the state's buying power. Ronk also reported that the subcommittee should have a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) to give to the full task force at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.