

MINUTES
TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

DATE: August 9, 2011
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: Senate Auditorium, WW02

MEMBERS: Spencer Barzee, George Boland, Mike Caldwell, Christopher Campbell, Stefani Cook, Penni Cyr, Reed DeMordaunt, Keven Denton, Brian Duncan, Alan Dunn, Mike Fornander, Cliff Green, Colby Gull, Wendy Horman, Jennifer Johnson, Desiree Laughlin, Eileen Lento, Brent Lloyd, Salvatore Lorenzen, Tom Luna, Aaron McKinnon, Alan Millar, Brad Patzer, Heidi Rogers, Jayson Ronk, Bicker Therien, Chuck Winder

Superintendent Luna called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Lauren Morando Rhim facilitated a report from each of the subcommittees.

**Classroom
Technology
Integration**

Stefani Cook reported that the Classroom Technology Integration Subcommittee approved a district classroom technology grant application that requires districts to report what technology they plan to purchase and how it ties to integration in the classroom. The application specifically includes:

- o Analysis of need
- o Instructional goals
- o Technology being purchased
- o How professional development will be tied to the equipment being purchased
- o District support of technology integration (policies, staff support)

The group also discussed the roll out of the technology funds, the technical assistance the state would give in developing district-level technology plans (i.e. webinars, regional meetings following the webinars, and technical assistance communities among districts with similar classroom technology), and developing an online professional development portal that would be supported at the state-level and districts could upload professional development to.

**One-to-One
Governance and
Instructional
Integration**

Representative DeMordaunt reported that the One-to-One Governance and Instructional Integration Subcommittee had a joint meeting with the Platform, Specifications, and Procurement Subcommittee and presented what they saw as important in a mobile computing device, including:

- o Wireless capabilities
- o Ability to collaborate between students and teachers
- o Ability for research, analyzing data
- o Ability to expand device to add peripherals
- o Battery life
- o Ability for content creation, audio and video
- o Ability to support e-textbooks
- o Ability to upgrade software
- o Ability for text-to-speech and speech-to-text

The subcommittee will be sending out a survey later this month to a large group of stakeholders to help adjust suggested capabilities of the device. Finally, the

subcommittee spent time looking at other states' policies, including how the devices will be managed, how software updates will be managed, how devices will be assigned to students, minimum software sets, flexibility and criteria for adding software, district licensing of additional software, and parental involvement.

**Online Learning
Implementation**

Aaron McKinnon reported that the Online Learning Implementation Subcommittee discussed the State Board of Education's proposed online learning requirement of two credits (one asynchronous, one synchronous or blended). The group also discussed what it means to complete an online course, the difference between completers and concentrators, a rough model for fractional ADA, whether or not to issue a Request for Information (RFI) or Request for Proposal (RFP) for a statewide contract for online courses, and summer course and overload course funding options.

**Schoolnet
Integration**

Mike Fornander reported that the Schoolnet Integration Subcommittee finished their subcommittee work the first day. Schoolnet pilot districts will begin this fall. The group discussed the timeline and possibility of digital content being loaded into Schoolnet this fall, and Dr. Clark is going to survey superintendents to evaluate what digital content is already being used in districts and what they'd like to see possibly purchased. The grant based cohort of Schoolnet will begin in February 2012.

**Platform,
Specifications, and
Procurement**

Jayson Ronk reported that the Platform, Specifications, and Procurement Subcommittee met jointly with the One-to-One Governance and Instructional Integration Subcommittee and worked out overlapping areas and set individual assignments for each committee moving forward. The group also heard a presentation from Brady Kraft with the Idaho Education Network about wireless deployment and continued their work on an RFP based on Maine's RFP.

There being no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.