

MINUTES
TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
SCHOOLNET INTEGRATION SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: July 12, 2011
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: WW54

MEMBERS: Chair: Debbie Critchfield, Vice-Chair: Maria Nate, Linda Clark, Sherri Wood, Mike Fornander, Gary Smith, Marne Curtis and Mary Vollmer (Linda Clark was not in attendance, Bruce Gestrin represented Supt. Clark)

Warren Danforth from the State Department of Education explained the nuances of Schoolnet to the Committee (Power Point is attached.) It was explained that information for Schoolnet comes from ISEE and that teachers from all across the state will be able to login and find out if the facts are correct.

Regarding concerns over ISEE errors, Mr. Danforth explained that many of the issues being raised will be worked out by having the pilot groups. As they initiate and use the program the problems will be recognized and we will have the time needed to work them out before the full deployment takes place.

In response to a question regarding why Schoolnet was chosen over other programs, Mr. Danforth stated that studies were done and the decision was made that Schoolnet was a broader program that encompassed more areas of curriculum and assessment, and will give smaller districts an opportunity to access curriculum that to date they have not been able to afford. Schoolnet also gives teachers real time access to student data.

The Committee discussed marketing strategies and the importance for Schoolnet to work efficiently and the need for teacher, administrator, and stakeholder buy in.

Regarding data coaches, it was explained that the Idaho Building Capacity will help to provide a total of 60 coaches, who will all have a working knowledge of Schoolnet, will be available to answer questions and will be certified by Schoolnet. They will be ready in October, and will be able to meet with data teams, do onsite visits, etc. They are assigned to schools at this time but eventually will be able to help anyone. The ultimate goal will be to have one trained, qualified data person on each site.

For the next meeting, the Committee will discuss the roll out of Schoolnet and review the application process.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.