

MINUTES
TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
Platform, Specifications, and Procurement Subcommittee

DATE: September 12, 2011
TIME: 11:00 am
PLACE: WW53
MEMBERS: Chairman Jayson Ronk, Vice Chairman Keven Denton, Representative Wendy Jaquet, Jenn Johnson, Senator Melinda Smyser

Debrief General Mtg. The committee reviewed the Mobile Computing Device Survey, which was prepared and administered by the One-to-One Governance Subcommittee. There were 963 survey participants; mostly adults (only 3% students). The survey represented what the adults are most comfortable with right now, not the students. Troy Wheeler recommended that a student survey be done.

Senator Smyser said that professional development (PD) is crucial. Access and quick basics will make a difference. Troy explained that not a lot of state FTE is in this. Maine has a centralized approach and is more regionally based at the state level. Keven Denton believes training can be at the local level, with a trainer. Maine trains at the district level, with webinars and regional trainings.

The Committee discussed Pay for Performance and how it may tie into professional development and taking on training roles, as well as using Maine and Oregon as examples of how to implement professional development.

The Committee discussed device capabilities and survey responses. Content creation is still lacking at the secondary level and Skype is the biggest collaboration tool requested.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and resumed at 1:37 p.m.

The Committee discussed including usability time in the RFI and the need for an update on the progress of wireless capacity around the state.

The Committee discussed site visit goals and scheduling. Visit protocol will be discussed tomorrow.

Steve Garton, Maine School District, discussed the RFP his state is working on for 2013 and what had worked/did not work in the past. The state is looking at improving professional development and working amid budget cuts. Mr. Garton stressed the importance of gathering input from stakeholders and overcoming preconceived ideas regarding mobile devices. In Maine, professional development could be counted as a college credit and the cost per student is decreasing. Mr. Garton was asked to help Idaho with its RFP, he agreed.

The Committee discussed action items, including parent forms, device policy, anti-virus protection, cost structure for new machines, professional development and vendor expectations.

The Committee adjourned at 4:04p.m.