

MINUTES
TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE
Schoolnet Integration Subcommittee

DATE: June 13, 2011
TIME: 1:45 PM
PLACE: WW54
MEMBERS: Vice-Chair: Maria Nate, Linda Clark, Sherri Wood, Mike Fornander, Gary Smith, Marne Curtis and Mary Vollmer

Chairwoman Debbie Critchfield was absent and Vice Chairwoman Maria Nate facilitated the meeting. The Committee introduced themselves and decided to use Robert's Rules of Order for their meeting.

Warren Danforth explained that the SDE has been seeking funding for the full deployment of Schoolnet. Idaho did receive \$21 million from the Albertsons Foundation. Mr. Danforth explained the relationship between the data collection system (ISEE) and Schoolnet.

Regarding Committee concerns, Mr. Danforth explained that the system works from a technical viewpoint but that good business processing is needed for data to be stored correctly. Mr. Danforth stated that this new database would replace previous databases but does not necessarily replace the local school district database (Power School).

Jeff Coe from Schoolnet discussed the Digital Backpack that tracks student information and progress, as well as unique information. Teachers will be able to view three years worth of student achievement data and view student progress. Mr. Coe encouraged Idaho to embrace a quality data system that collects information on a rolling basis, instead of monthly or less frequently. The benefits of the Digital Backpack would be to have current student information accessible to the classroom teacher.

Mr. Coe mentioned that goals can be aligned with data sets, for example, setting the goal of all students receiving a "B" or higher or limiting the dropout rate. The Committee will provide input to the state in terms of goal setting (minimums/maximums); however, AYP determinations are defined by the State Board of Education and are not part of the scope of work of the committee.

Mr. Coe reiterated that data can be seen as soon as schools upload it to Schoolnet. This should be done as frequently as needed.

Schoolnet also has the capability of providing digital content. SDE staff explained the plan to upload Common Core content as well as Idaho Standards and the goal of also providing digital content through a third party (such as Discovery Channel).

Schoolnet also has an assessment function which will be available to the pilot districts. Dr. Clark suggested three areas of assessment 1. State EOCs (higher security) 2. Item bank (would be pre-populated by the state but accessible to all educators) and 3. Teacher's ability to create their own assessment.

The Committee discussed specific items they would like to see on Schoolnet and discussed the current features of the system.

The Committee set a list of priorities:

1. Shared understanding of the Schoolnet Information Management System
2. Develop a working theory of action for the deployment of professional development related to Learning Management Systems
3. Identify a list of needed guidance documents and/or resources
4. Discuss state's role in providing professional development and/or technical assistance
5. Integrate Albertson's Grant into Students Come First (SCF) initiatives

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm.