Technology Oversight Committee Meeting
Technology Conference Room
1010 E. 10th
Tucson, Arizona 85719
May 16, 2011
4:30 PM – 6:15PM

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:
Ashton Bergstrand
Tressa Escarpeta
Robert O’Toole – Vice chair
Harry McGregor – via conference phone
Mark Stegeman

TUSD Staff Present:
John Gay – CIO
Andrea Marafino
Kathy Dierdorf
Leon George
John Bratcher
Marcus Jones
Don Bailes
Dannie Adams
Wes Babcock
Chris Rodriguez
Donna Lewis

Committee Members Absent:
Scott Horten – Chair
R. Thomas Meyer
Michael Hicks

Guests Present:
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Bob O’Toole called the meeting to order at 4:30 and there was an adequate amount of members at the meeting to have a quorum.

Review and discuss legal opinion on the use of Bond funds for technology purchases.

Update from TUSD CIO

ACTION
Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Bergstrand made the motion to approve the minutes and Tressa Escarpeta seconded.

The opinion of the bond council was received by email and Mr. O’Toole thanked the legal counsel for researching this issue.

New and upcoming activities: Approval to spend a sizeable amount of money on the new school is going before the Governing board tomorrow…equipment that is not in the bond but is the Tech. for the school i.e. computer, telephone and switches.

Strategic Plan Update: The first phase deals with what the state requires us to do to meet the mandates. The school district needs a Tech plan approved by the state and also E-Rate, we need to create something that meets the needs of the state. The state requires we need to have approved before the current one expires on July 31. The state has a tracking system called ALEAT (Arizona Local Education Authority Tracker System). 1 part the state is focused on is the continuous improvement plan. These plans meet the federal goals and also state specific goals and districts can add their own goals. The districts can input progress they have made into this system. The state wants districts to use this as their planning efforts. It must also be used if you are a district in improvement. Phase 2 will list the detailed initiatives that we plan to execute this coming school year and it needs to be tied to the E-rate schedule as some of it will be E-rate work. This needs to be done and approved by late October. Phase 2 describes the tech. initiatives that we plan on beggining covering a 3 year period. We have established the STPC (strategic technology planning council) and we plan to produce the tech. plan each year. Goal of this group is to be aligned with district goals.

Mr. Bergstrand asked to see more of the strategic planning on the next agenda.

E-Rate Update

We had the HATS review in March and the leadership of SLD said they would take the prior year requests 1 year at a time to get to a point to provide reimbursements for funding. We were placed into selective review and answered all questions and moved into quality assurance then moved back into selective review just to answer a couple more questions.
Dr. Donna Lewis was introduced and was asked to give information about the new school

Because of the design of the school there is an issue in distance regarding cable which we needed to get cabling to the building to enable the wireless activity at the buildings. We asked for 2 quotes. 1 was for what it would cost to implement a VOIP for all the rooms and offices and the 2nd if we VOIP the main switch at the main distribution frame.

Review of a concern from teacher Joe Chanecka

Mr. Chanecka emailed regarding issues after implementing the new internet content filtering system, IronPort. IronPort blocks search engines that is not safe, it blocks the site. We realized the frustration that many teachers are having regarding blocked sites such as video streaming. The sites that have been upgraded are now being allowed video streaming. Social networking is also an issue as many teachers have created video that they store on a site and ask their students to go to the site for instructional purposes and now that can’t be done. After researching other Tucson school districts we found that social networking is not allowed for anybody (very few people like the board and the legal dept. have access). With the exception of staff and faculty at schools that have been updated we are not allowing video streaming. If the teacher has a site blocked that they feel is legitimate, then they need to talk to the Principal and then the Principal submits a work order and says that there is no threat to the network then we will open up the site.

Results of RFP Payroll Consults

The evaluation RFP is still in process so no comments can be made. We are in the final stages of the evaluation process and everything is going well.
At previous meetings the subject was brought up in a call to the audience about the current Nortel switches and the ability to IP enable them and IP network them and the cost and the length at which Avaya would be willing to support them if that was done. District staff talked about checking into that. Mr. Gay stated there has been a conversation with Qwest and trying to line one up with Avaya. Mr. McGregor stated he would like the district to start thinking about ways of leveraging the new network between microwave and city fiber and getting away from Nortel equipment that won’t be supported long term vs. equipment that will be supported long term.

There was no one present that wanted to speak.

Next TOC meeting will be held on Friday, June 24, 2011 at 4:30 to be held in the Grey Room.

Approved __________________

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