Tucson Unified School District
Technology Oversight Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Date: August 20, 2013 Location: Technology Conference Room
Time: 4:30p.m. – 6:15p.m. 1010 E. Tenth St., Bldg. B

Committee Members Present: Doug Baker, Ashton Bergstrand (Vice Chair), Jeff Coleman, Andrew Gardner, Michael Hicks (Board Member), Harry McGregor (Chair), Steve Peters, Robb Pinegar, Cam Juárez (Board Member)

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Yousef Awwad, Adele Edwards, Andrea Marafino, Chris Rodriguez, Kevin Startt

Guests: None

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:30p.m.

ACTION ITEM – Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2013: Jeff Coleman moved to approve the minutes, Andrew Gardner seconded the motion and all approved.

Introduction of New TOC Members: All members introduced themselves, including new members Steve Peters and Cam Juárez (Board Member).

Call to the Audience: No audience present.

Update from TUSD Acting CIO:

- New/upcoming activities
  - Damon Jackson from Ector County School District has been named CIO. He will report to the new Deputy Superintendent of Operations Yousef Awaad.
  - Looking into implementing PEAP (Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol) for wireless authentication because existing password is unsecure and has been compromised and privately owned devices are becoming more prevalent throughout the District.
- Modernization Initiatives: ITIMI (Information Technology Infrastructure Modernization Initiative)
  - Continuing to upgrade WAN, LAN and telephony infrastructure. In terms of the WAN, all schools are off T-1s and at 100Mbps or greater. Zayo has essentially completed the east ring and is working with CenturyLink to use their conduit for the west ring. In terms of the LAN, bond funds paid for LAN cabling at many of the receiving schools and 21 out of 25 schools have been completed. Switches and APs are currently being installed at those sites. In terms of telephony, upgrades were halted due to the heavy volume of calls that take place during the first month of school, but will resume in September.
  - E-rate will not be funding Priority 2 projects for sites at the 80% discount rate and below. Funding for the 90% sites is up in the air. As a result, staff will be going to the Governing Board to request financing for the entire project.
- Impending RFPs and RFIs
  - Put out an RFP for a consultant to help the District write an RFP for an Evidence-Based Accountability System.
  - An RFP is currently posted for a consultant to define the Technology Conditions Index.
- Discontinuance of the Lawson implementation, including financial impact
  - TUSD never defined ERP needs and requirements prior to purchasing Lawson and PeopleSoft. Lawson implementation was halted so that these needs could be identified. Once the needs were identified, they were assessed and the District concluded that continued implementation of Lawson will be costly ($19.5M over ten years) and will not meet those needs, but PeopleSoft will if upgraded. This recommendation will be brought to the Board.

Discussion:

- Summer shutdown and startup – The process worked well with few problems related to updates on laptops/desktops.
- Remote/disconnected end point device management – The Wake-on-LAN issue is being researched by Microsoft.
- Access to internal resources for teachers with laptops – Laptops connected to the TUSD network can access everything that desktops can. From home, teachers can access email, but not Mojave. VPN access has not been made available to all teachers due to concerns related to contracts, security and training as well as license limitations.
- Discussed the possibility of revisiting the future direction and goals of the TOC Charter.

Call to the Audience: No audience present.

Schedule Next TOC Meeting: Scheduled for September 24, 2013.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30p.m.