

Arizona E-Learning Task Force

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday March 8, 2007

10:00am – 12:00pm

Arizona Department of Education,
Conference Room 417

Members Present:

Rosalina Escandon
Casey Loman
Debra Lorenzen
DJ Harper
Sandi Granberry

Theodore Kraver
Joseph O'Reilly
Rod Lenniger
Jerry D'Agostino
Cathy Poplin

Members Not Present:

Lisa Long

Handouts:

- Reaching for the Stars Science & Technology Conference – Rosalina Escandon
- 1-To-1 Learning Laptop Programs That Work
- MEC 2007 Conference
- Copy of SB 1503
- 4th draft of RFP

Welcome and Introductions – Reminder that the meeting is recorded on tape and available for full review.

Cathy Poplin calls the meeting to order at 10:00am. Each Task Force member introduced themselves.

- Cathy Poplin gave each member information pertaining to the MEC 2007 Conference and passed out a sign up sheet.
- Cathy Poplin also gave each member the book *1-To-1 Learning Laptop Programs That Work*
- Casey Loman attended the Core Knowledge National Conference in Washington, D.C.; where she met Paul Drossmond of Peak School in Flagstaff. Paul's school is the only one to receive a U.S. Department of Education Dissemination Grant. The grant deals with the tracking of student assessments and achievements through computer based learning programs. Casey will share the information she receives from Paul with the E-Learning Task Force.
- Theodore Kraver spoke about the amendment to HB2472 being sponsored by Mark Anderson, which is going through legislative process. The amendment will support a state wide survey to determine broadband access to schools.
- Rosalina Escandon's district is hosting technology conference March 19-21, 2007.
- Other members had no update

Review of 4th Draft Request for Proposal Issues – Entire Taskforce

The entire ELearning Task Force reviewed the 4th draft line by line starting with Student Assessment. The task force made numerous suggestions and changes within Student Assessment. The following sections have been rearranged and should be listed as follows:

- A. Digital Product
- B. Professional Development
- C. Student Assessment
- D. Evaluation.

Update on Progress of the Request for Information

The RFI is ready to go and should be on the streets in one week. One member asked, how are we publishing the RFI? The RFI will be mailed out to the ADE Vendor list and will be sent to E-Learning Taskforce members to send to any vendors. RFIs are normally not posted to the web.

Progress of Project Investment Justification (PIJ) – Hank Stabler

The recommendation from GITA is to wait until the RFI data is back before we complete the PIJ. The Task Force also discussed the ownership of the data. Majority decided that the data will belong to ADE. Rod Lenniger suggested that if a Task Force member has not seen a PIJ or is not familiar with what a PIJ is to look over a copy of one. Cathy Poplin said she will send out copies.

Insights from SB1512 Sponsor – Sen. John Huppenthal (unable to attend)

In Sen. Huppenthal's absence, Cathy Poplin and Hank Stabler presented his vision for real-time feedback to the student and the class (cumulative) in the form of a "scoreboard". The "scoreboard" will be used to increase motivation for the students and will show feedback in real time for in class use; with focus on group and individual incentives. The taskforce suggested crafting language into the RFI about increasing student motivation but not limited to the scoreboard in order to gain more ideas from the vendor regarding motivation within their systems approach. By consensus, the taskforce decided to put motivation under Digital Product and Student Assessment for the existing RFP.

Public Testimony

Three visitors were present:

Beth Sour – School Board Association

Michael Koop – Cisco Learning Institute

Sherman Moeller – Formally with Cisco Learning Institute; Father of school age children.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm