

Arizona eLearning Task Force

Minutes of the Meeting Friday, February 19, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Arizona Department of Education Conference Room 417

Members Present:

Coy Ison	Galen Updike - Representing Matt Morales
Mark Nichols	Ted Kraver
Rosy Escandon	Cathy Poplin, Chair

Members Not Present:

Kim flack
Sandi Grandberry
Joseph O'Reilly
5 Vacancies

Handouts:

- Agenda for February 19, 2010
- October 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- SETDA ESEA Reauthorization Task Force – House Ed Committee Seeking Public Comments on Reauthorization
- CoSN, ISTE and SETDA joint statement – Reconsider Lack of Direct Investment in Education Technology, Support Infusion of Technology Throughout New ESEA
- SETDA – The Future for Educational Technology in K-12 Education Policy and Practice

Welcome and Introduction – *The meeting is recorded on tape and is available for full review.*

Cathy Poplin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Cathy welcomed those in attendance and began with the introductions and member updates.

- Mark Nichols, ASU/IDEAL, introduced himself and informed the ELTF this year will be the 30th anniversary of the MEC (Microcomputers in Education) Conference. The conference begins March 15th – 17th. Discovery Education will provide the keynote speaker. There will be IDEAL tracks as well as ADE sessions.
- Rosy Escandon, Cartwright S.D., introduced herself and stated she will be co-presenting with Discovery Education at the MEC 2010 conference.
- Coy Ison, Executive Director of AzTEA, introduced himself and told that the Teaching & Technology Conference concluded 2-3 weeks ago in Tucson. Coy accepted a consulting position with the Arizona state library system. The Arizona State Library group was awarded a BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) grant to distribute computers to the state libraries.
- Ted Kraver, with eSATS, gave each member a copy of the House of Representatives Amendments to H.B. 2720. He reported that Rep. Crandall and Sen. Huppenthal are working on 8 initiatives. No direct funding tied to the initiatives. By the end of this year, there may be a bill to support the evaluation on digital curriculum. Ted will keep the ELTF informed.
- Ruth Catalano, ADE Consultant, introduced herself, no updates.

- Hank Stabler, ADE Consultant, introduced himself, no updates.
- Brett Hinton, ADE Director of Educational Technology, introduced himself, no updates.
- Galen Updike, Telecommunication Development Manager with GITA, introduced himself and informed the ELTF Matt Morales will be at the Legislature today and asked Galen to represent him.

Approval of minutes from October 21, 2009

Cathy asked the ELTF to review the minutes from the October meeting for approval. Cathy apologized for the delay in the minutes, no corrections were offered. Cathy asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ted Kraver made a motion to accept the minutes; Coy Ison seconded, with no opposition. Cathy will have the minutes posted to the ELTF website.

State Legislative Updates

Cathy informed the ELTF Art Harding, Legislative Liaison for ADE, will not be able to attend today's meeting to provide legislative updates.

Federal Updates (Ed Tech Plan, National Broadband Plan, EETT funding FY2011) – Cathy Poplin/Brett Hinton

Cathy reported President Obama's administration has released the education budget for FY2011. Educational Technology may be consolidated under the Obama's ESEA reauthorization recommendations. Cathy shared a press release by COSN, ISTE and SETDA regarding the consolidation. Cathy is a member of the SETDA and ISTE's ESEA reauthorization task force and on March 3rd SETDA will host an advocacy day to speak to Congress.

On March 10th SETDA will co-host a webcast, with CCSSO (Council of Chief State School Officers) The Future for Educational Technology in K-12 Education Policy and Practice. A face-to-face briefing to discuss the future role of educational technology in K-12 education, featuring insights into the U.S. Department of Education's National Educational Technology Plan and the FCC's National Broadband Plan. Cathy will keep the task force informed.

Brett informed the ELTF Rep. Ed Markey from Massachusetts, introduced H.R. 4619, the E-Rate 2.0 Act, to update the E-Rate program. Rep. Markey was the author of the original E-Rate program. H.R. 4619, the E-Rate 2.0 Act, directs the FCC to implement 3 pilot programs:

- The 1st pilot program narrows the digital divide through the distribution of vouchers to enable low-income students to purchase residential broadband service. High School students who receive free and reduced lunch would get a voucher to help with internet costs at home.
- The 2nd utilizes a competitive grant program to extend funding for broadband equipment and services to selected community colleges and head start facilities that best demonstrate need and incorporation of broadband use in their educational mission.
- The 3rd enables certain E-Rate applicants serving particularly low-income students to apply for significantly discounted services and technologies for the use of e-books.

The bill also would provide for an inflation adjustment to the current \$2.25 billion cap on the E-Rate program, so funding would increase with inflation. The bill also calls for the streamlining of the application process.

eLearning and the ARRA EETT Competitive Grant Update – Brett Hinton

Brett reported the ADE Educational Technology unit received 49 grant applications.

Applications are currently with the grant reviewers. Brett shared some statistics from the grant applications:

- \$17.4 million in funding request, more demand than funds available
- Subjects covered – multiple grade levels, some focused on 2 or more subjects combined.
 - Math - 17
 - Reading/Language Arts - 14
 - Science - 13
 - Social Studies - 2
 - All Subjects - 13
- Size of grants – maximum award amount \$500,000
 - > \$100,000 - 4
 - \$100,000 - \$300,000 - 13
 - \$300,000 - \$500,000 - 19
 - \$500,000 - 13
- Type of devices
 - Netbooks – 32
 - Laptops – 12
 - Other devices – 6 (other devices include iPods, iPod Touch & electronic responders)

Brett stated the grant scores should be completed by next week. Cathy added that the application process was very intense and that her group tried to have the schools look at more than just hardware devices. 25% of funds must be applied toward professional development. Cathy will keep the ELTF informed.

Broadband in Arizona – Matt Morales & Galen Updike

Galen gave each member a handout on the recent Broadband related events in Arizona.

- GITA is progressing with the Mapping and Planning initiative
 - Received Mapping grant for \$2.3 million on Dec. 23rd
 - ITAC (GITA's tool to approve technology) approved the PIJ for the project on Jan. 27th
 - PO issued to the contractor
 - NDA (non-disclosure agreements) in process
 - Project manager position being filled
 - Agreements between agencies finalized
- 2nd round of BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) and RUS (Rural Utility Services) broadband grants initiated by the Federal Government
 - AZ institutions responding
 - Tribes, libraries, vendors and community colleges
 - Differences between requirements of round 1 and rounds 2 discovered
 - Determination of need – analysis of who was successful in round 1
- Other broadband related activities
 - Making E-Rate changes a high priority
 - SACCNET (Southern AZ Consortium of Counties Network) moving to 2nd level of process by RUS

- Navajo Nation moving through 2nd level of BTOP and RUS processing

Overview of EduAccess (ID Management system) – Jenner Holden

Jenner Holden, Information Security Officer with ADE, gave a brief presentation on EduAccess, the ID management system for all educational stakeholders in Arizona. EduAccess will replace the Common Logon on the ADE website and will be connected to IDEAL. Part of TAP (Technology Adoption Program), ADE worked with Microsoft developers to create EduAccess. EduAccess is hosted within ADE/the Arizona Data Center, supported with funds going to the data warehouse. Any questions regarding EduAccess may be sent to EduAccess@azed.gov.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2010

Cathy informed the ELTF the next meeting will be March 24, 2010.

Public Testimony

Guests in attendance:

- Jeff Sawner with Ed Option Foundation
- David Reed with Ed Option Foundation
- Dana Eriksson with Education2020
- Elise Piatt with Tri-Advocates, LLC
- Heather Zemacki with Dom Policy Group
- Melissa McGehee with Compliance Services

No public testimonies

Adjourn

Cathy asked for a motion to adjourn. Coy Ison made a motion to adjourn; Mark Nichols seconded. No opposition. Cathy adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.