

Arizona eLearning Task Force

Minutes of the Meeting Wednesday, March 24, 2010 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Arizona Department of Education Conference Room 417

Members Present:

Coy Ison	Nathan Myers - Representing Joseph O'Reilly
Rosy Escandon	Mark Nichols
Ted Kraver	Matt Morales
Sandi Grandberry	Cathy Poplin, Chair

Members Not Present:

Kim Flack
5 Vacancies

Handouts:

- Agenda for March 24, 2010
- Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2009
- HB 2720 Office of Digital Content changes
- SETDA The Status of EETT (Title II, Part D) for Federal FY11 – SETDA Member Update: March 18, 2010
- Recommendations: Support and promote online learning
- Arizona State Board of Education Application for Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) Schools and Programs
- Arizona Online Instruction State of Assurances
- *Technology Counts* Ed-Tech Stats

Welcome and Introduction – *The meeting is recorded on tape and is available for full review.*
Cathy Poplin called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Cathy welcomed those in attendance and stated the approval of the minutes will be postponed until enough members arrive to have a quorum. Cathy then asked for the state Legislative updates.

State Legislative Update – HB 2720

Art Harding, ADE Legislative Liaison, provided an Arizona Legislative update. Art informed the ELTF the original statute Digital Curriculum Institute has been rewritten and the title was changed to The Office of Digital Content. Art and the ELTF discussed the various changes made to the bill and the responsibilities the ELTF will have under the new bill.

The Office of Digital Content will fall under Educational Technology, until funding is available. Art informed the ELTF the bill is scheduled to go before the Senate on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 for those interested in testifying on behalf of the bill.

Update from each Task Force Member

With the arrival of additional ELTF members, Cathy asked the members to give a brief update.

- Ruth Catalano, ADE Consultant, introduced herself and gave an update on the AzTEA WOW Conference. Conference is May 1, 2010, in the process of selecting presenters.
- Hank Stabler, ADE Consultant, introduced himself. Hank shared with Cathy a report by Chuck Essex, *Conditional Budget Impact on District Schools*. The report can be found on the AZBO website under Chuck's updates.
- Coy Ison, Executive Director for AzTEA, introduced himself and informed the ELTF AzTEA is starting to do more professional development via webinars.
- Brett Hinton, ADE Director for Educational Technology, introduced himself, no updates.
- Nathan Myers, Educational Technology Specialist with Mesa Public Schools, representing Joe O'Reilly, no updates.
- Rosy Escandon, with Cartwright School District, introduced herself, no updates
- Mark Nichols, ASU/alt^I/IDEAL, introduced himself, just completed the 30th Anniversary of the MEC Conference; good turnout, was an overall success.
- Ted Kraver, with eSATS, introduced himself, no updates
- Matt Morales, with GITA, introduced himself, no updates
- Cathy Poplin, Deputy Associate Superintendent of Educational Technology with ADE, introduced herself and gave each member a handout from SETDA regarding the status of EETT. EETT currently does not have funding for FY11. On March 13th the ED ESEA Reauthorization blueprint was released, technology is mentioned in several places however, there does not appear to be a provision for a state educational technology program resembling EETT. There is a statement of support for state and local educational technology leadership. A large number of programs appear to be consolidated and/or eliminated in this blueprint. No direct Ed Tech funding for the Reauthorization at this time.

Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2009

Quorum is present. Cathy asked the ELTF to review the minutes from the November meeting for approval. No corrections were offered. Cathy asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Coy Ison made a motion to accept the minutes. Ted Kraver seconded, with no opposition. Cathy will have the minutes posted to the ELTF website.

National Broadband Plan Update – Galen Updike, GITA

Cathy asked Galen to provide an update on the Broadband plan. Galen gave each member a handout on Recommendations to support and promote online learning. The focus of the plan is to provide technical/digital education into the school systems across the Nation.

The implementation process still needs to be identified. The plan must go before Congress and the FCC. Much of the funding process will go through the Universal Service funds/E-Rate. The first set of recommendations support and promote online learning. The second set of recommendations focus on the value of data and improving transparency. The FCC wants to deal with districts directly. Galen suggested there should be some form of state guidance. The last sets of recommendations are focused on modernizing the educational broadband infrastructure

The task force continued to discuss the Broadband plan and what items need to be added, clarified, changed, and what areas in Arizona are in need of broadband. Galen will keep the ELTF informed.

National Educational Tech Plan – Ted Kraver

Ted gave each member 4 handouts,

- Eb00322DCI Legislation and National Ed Tech Plan
 - Ted’s blog pertaining to the National Educational Technology Plan
- SETDA - A Future Look at Policy and Practice K-12 Educational Technology
 - Copy of SETDA’s presentation by Karen Cator, Director of Educational Technology, Office of the Secretary, U.S. DOE & Steve Midgley, Education Director, Omnibus Initiative, Office of Strategic Planning, and FCC
- E00324 Report on National Educational Technology Plan for the Arizona eLearning Task Force
 - Ted’s recommendations for the National Educational Technology Plan
- Draft National Educational Technology Plan 2010 Executive Summary

The ELTF discussed the various aspects of the Draft National Educational Tech Plan. Cathy asked the ELTF to continue to review the Draft National Educational Technology Plan. Cathy asked the ELTF to post their recommendations on the national website. Cathy will provide the website to the ELTF. Ted will keep the Task Force informed.

Cathy stated Vince Yanez, with the State Board of Education wanted to be present during the AOI Approved Application portion of the meeting. Cathy asked the ELTF if it would OK to move forward on the agenda until Vince arrives. No opposition to move forward. Cathy asked Brett Hinton to report on the ARRA EETT Competitive Grant.

ARRA EETT Competitive Grant Update – Brett Hinton

Brett gave a brief presentation and provided each member a handout, Sharpening the Focus – Broadening the Impact, ARRA EETT 21st Century Classrooms Grant Awards.

- 49 total applications received
- 12 grants were awarded
- \$5.315 million in funded projects
- Geographic Distribution
 - Alhambra Elementary District
 - Balsz Elementary District
 - Cottonwood-Oak Creek Unified District
 - Creighton Elementary District
 - Douglas Unified District
 - Roosevelt Elementary District
 - Safford Unified District
 - San Carlos Unified District
 - Tempe Elementary District
 - Tolleson Elementary & Union High School District
 - Tombstone Unified District
 - Tucson Unified District
- Grade and Subject Area
 - Alhambra: 7th & 8th – Language Arts, Math
 - Balsz: 7th & 8th – Reading
 - Creighton: K & 3rd – Reading, Spanish for native English Speakers

- Cottonwood-Oak Creek: 2nd, 4th, 7th & 8th – Science, Social Studies, Math, & Language Arts
- Douglas: 4th-5th, 6th & 8th – Reading, Math
- Roosevelt: 7th & 8th – Reading, Writing & Math
- Safford: 7th & 8th – math
- San Carlos: 4th- 8th – Reading, Math
- Tempe: 6th- 8th – Language Arts
- Tolleson El/HS: 8th-9th – Reading
- Tombstone: K-10th – Math
- Tucson Unified: 6th-8th – Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies
- Personal Computing Device
 - Alhambra: Macbooks
 - Balsz: Netbooks
 - Creighton: iTouch
 - Cottonwood-Oak Creek: Netbooks
 - Douglas: Netbooks
 - Roosevelt: Netbooks
 - Safford: Macbooks/Netbooks
 - San Carlos: Netbooks
 - Tempe: Macbooks
 - Tolleson El/HS: iTouch
 - Tombstone: Laptops/Netbooks, iTouch
 - Tucson Unified: Netbooks

Brett informed the ELTF the grants were approved by the State Board of Education on March 22, 2010. The first meeting with the grantees will be on April 1, 2010. The Research and Evaluation unit of ADE will provide the external evaluations. 10% of the grantees award was set-a-side for the evaluations. Cathy and Brett will keep the ELTF informed as the grant progresses.

AOI Approved Application – Cathy Poplin

Vince Yanez was not present; Cathy provided the update. Copies of the AOI application were given to the task force. Vince Yanez informed Cathy the application still needs corrections and asked the ELTF to return copies of the application. The ELTF discussed the application. Cathy will keep the Task Force informed.

Ed Weeks' Technology Counts 2010 Overview – Cathy Poplin

Technology Counts has examined educational technology by tracking state-level data and issuing report cards on state policies and practices. Cathy informed the task force Arizona received a C- in 2008 and received a C+ for 2009. There is no report card grade issued this year. Cathy provided the URL for those wanting to review the complete report, <http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2010/03/18/index.html>. The ELTF discussed the various statistics.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2010

Cathy informed the ELTF the next meeting date will be April 28th. The group will set a date for the May meeting during the April meeting.

Public Testimony

Dana Eriksson with Ed2020 stated she attended the AOI meeting with the Charter School Board. Due to staffing issues, it was discussed during the meeting if a fee could be charged to the charter schools for reviewing their applications.

Adjourn

Cathy asked for a motion to adjourn Ted Kraver made a motion to adjourn, Mark Nichols seconded. Cathy adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.