

**Technology Advisory Committee  
Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology  
February 7, 2013**

**Attendance**

Kathy Verhest	Brunswick City Schools	Matt Gdovin	NEOnet
Deb Muccio	Buckeye Local Schools	Chris Zolla	NEOnet
Kevin Braman	Cloverleaf Local Schools	Tim Tracy	NEOnet
Justin Vestech	Cloverleaf Local Schools	Marie Schmidt	NEOnet
Lance Green	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools	Kim Fassnacht	NEOnet
Kelly Kendrick	Coventry Local Schools		
Pat McKinney	Cuyahoga Falls City Schools		
Kim Brueck	Green Local Schools		
Casey Ailiff	Kent City Schools		
Courtney Baliman	Kent City Schools		
Scott Ross	Manchester Local Schools		
Denise Valerio	Medina County ESC		
Anthony Luscre	Mogadore Local Schools		
Angie Wagler	Norton City Schools		
Leon McCombs	Portage Lakes Career Center		
David Mog	Richmond Heights Local Schools		
Dustin Boswell	Springfield Local Schools		
Lisa Owens	St. Sebastian		
Bill Fearigo	Summit Academy		
Laurie Heikkila	Summit County ESC		
Kurt Gwin	Tallmadge City Schools		
Jennifer Farthing	Twinsburg City Schools		
Eric Unangst	Woodridge Local Schools		

**Items Discussed****Technology Advisory Committee Minutes**

The January 10, 2013 minutes were approved and are available on the NEOnet website.

**Board of Directors Update**

The MRSC Board of Directors met on January 8, 2013 and discussed the following items:

- Options for renovating the lower level of the NEOnet facility
- Payroll outsourcing
- Network Operations Center – working on Proof of Concept with University of Akron.
- NEOnet staff medical/dental insurance renewal
- Disposal of inventory
- Security Roundtable – a discussion will be held in March with Superintendents, business managers, technology directors and other district administrators regarding school security.
- Marketing of NEOnet services

**Finance Committee Update**

The finance committee met in January and formed 3 subcommittees:

- Financial – FY14 budget and 3 year forecast.
- Storage Area Network – examination of storage needs at NEOnet
- Facility – will review bids for renovation of the lower level

There has been an interest in exploring the option of districts outsourcing EMIS duties to NEOnet. More information will follow at a later day.

## **Requests for Proposals – Forms and Time Clock**

Two RFPs have been issued – Time clock and online forms. The schedule for the Forms RFP is:

- February 20 – pre-quote meeting
- March 1 – quotes are due
- March 18 – product demonstrations
- April 29 – vendor selection
- May 6 – contract approval by Assembly

## **Microsoft Agreement**

NEOnet has received initial pricing for Microsoft licensing. In order to take advantage of this partnership, NEOnet would have to reach a high FTE threshold, which would require almost every district to participate. This agreement does include home use (\$10 per license). More information will follow at a later date.

## **NEOnet Network**

- Lightspeed support – Districts were asked to call Lightspeed directly with issues as they are providing primary support. A discussion was held regarding the most effective way to get support from Lightspeed.
- Internet Speeds – NEOnet increased its bandwidth and is working on increasing speeds.
- Phone System Upgrade – the phone system was upgraded to 8.6 and will be upgraded to 9.x within a few weeks.

## **NEOtech Committee Update**

Conference registration is now open. The request for proposals closes on February 18.

## **E-Tech – Steve Crumbacher**

- The 470 deadline is February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Esri ArcGIC, a cloud-based mapping program, is available for free at <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/esri-arcgis-online>.

## **Laurie Heikkila, SCESC**

There will be a free AppFest on Friday, March 8, 2013 from 9:00 – 2:30. Register at [www.cybersummit.org](http://www.cybersummit.org). More training opportunities are also available on their website.

## **Next Technology Meeting**

The next Technology Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held March 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room B at NEOnet.