



**Technology Advisory Committee  
Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology  
September 1, 2016**

**Attendance**

Michelle Gasser	Barberton City Schools	Ben Heller	NEOnet
Bill Fearigo	Barberton City Schools	Chris Zolla	NEOnet
Jim Kerns	Buckeye Local Schools	Matt Gdovin	NEOnet
Lance Green	Copley-Fairlawn Schools	Ashley Tebo	NEOnet
Jim Marras	Cuyahoga Falls City Schools	JC Williams	NEOnet
Marc Clendaniel	Green Local Schools		
Courtney Baliman	Kent City Schools		
Scott Ross	Manchester Local Schools		
Jennifer Milnes	Maplewood Career Center		
Angie Wagler	Norton City Schools		
David Mog	Richmond Heights Local Schools		
Cody Lyons	Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools		
Tom Janson	Summit County ESC		
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Nancy Butts	Summit Academy		
Rob Walker	Summit Academy		
Kurt Gwin	Tallmadge City Schools		
Matt McGing	Twinsburg City Schools		
Eric Unangst	Woodridge Local Schools		

**Items Discussed**

- The May minutes are on the NEOnet website.

**NEOnet Organizational Update**

- July and August Board of Directors Meetings The meeting minutes are available on the NEOnet website. The Board reviewed and approved Insurance and Personnel items.
- Finance Committee- The committee has approved financing for renovation starting 9-6-16 the renovation should be completed by November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 1st at the absolute latest. Once completed the Technical Services team will be relocated to the first floor. The FY18 fee schedule & budget will be reviewed during the next meeting.

- Video Conferencing- There was an internal issue that is now fixed but it did delay the plan to implement the video conferencing before the start of the year. Video Conferencing will be used in the next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on October 6, 2016. Anyone can participate in the video conferencing on any video capable device via WebEx. Recorded meetings will be available on the NEOnet website.
- Student and Fiscal Software Update- We are migrating from the classic state software to SunGard, migrating just a few districts at a time. NEOnet will be doing the migrations instead of SunGard as it will be less expensive and we will be able to move at our own pace.

### **“Technology Academy”- NEOnet Professional Development Initiative**

- Introduction of the Media Services Department- Tamra Dugan, Noah Himes, JC Williams, and Jim Martin will be working with the Summit County ESC to be more pro-active and head media services such as starting a Twitter feed and a Blog to address questions and concerns of different programs.
- Technology Integration Committee Membership- September 22nd is when the group will meet, and an agenda will be sent out.

### **NEOnet Continuous Improvement Planning Discussion**

- A Focus Group Discussion will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. by The Impact Group to come in and speak about the pros and cons of NEOnet. They will then compile all of their information to develop a marketing plan and start generating classes based off of technical needs.

### **Schedule Legal Presentations with Walter Haverfield LLP**

- Copyright in the Digital Age
- Cyberbullying

Walter Haverfield LLP will be hosting presentations on the above mentioned topics. A date has not been set in stone, but we are trying to plan for November 3, 2016 either preceding or following the Technology Advisory Committee Meeting.

### **NEOnet Network**

- Summer Project Review- Over the summer we were able to upgrade the servers and storage. The conversion to new servers and SSD storage was finished in early August. The Cisco UCS servers are powered by 110TB's of Nimble SSD Storage. The storage at each site has been replicated in case something were to happen it would lower the risk of loss.
- Lightspeed-Version 3 upgrade discussion- The upgrade to Version 3 will be taking place during Thanksgiving break of 2016. It will have new features, better reporting, and custom reports. At the moment, we're trying to obtain a demo to have a training and become acquainted with it before it's implemented A WebEx presentation will be scheduled in November to give all users a look at the new interface. No categories or policies will need to be adjusted due to the upgrade.
- Proxy/Mobile filtering- Lightspeed now has a mobile filter option for devices like chromebooks. This does not require devices to proxy to our servers at all and will automatically log users in by their device credentials. However, if the district is using a similar extension like "goguardian" it will fail. They can instead use the proxy option which we have been using for a while and will still work fine. On top of that we can have devices login automatically in various ways such as via their wireless user logins or device logins. This way a device is automatically logged in filtering by user so we have history of users and pages accessed in the case of issues.
- Call Manager Version 11.5- An upgrade will soon be made to the existing voice servers to Version 11.5 which will eliminate iManage and implement Provisioning Manager. With this upgrade, certain phone models will no longer be supported. To find out which phones will not be supported you can go to <http://tinyurl.com/hogakjy>. The update will take place over

the year so districts wanting to upgrade will need to implement a plan for phone replacement.

- Internet Speeds-will be increased to 18 GB by end of the month.

### **E-Tech – Mike Edwards**

In July, districts were sent a connectivity survey to complete in order to be awarded a grant for each building in the district. The survey has to be completed by the end of September to be awarded the grant. The survey can be accessed through the k12 program portal with the username being the district IRN. On October 24<sup>th</sup> at the library in Columbus, a Tech Coordinator Symposium will be hosted. On October 31<sup>st</sup> in the same location will be a Tech Coordinator Meeting which is first come first serve with an occupancy of about 100.

The next Technology Advisory Committee Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.