



Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology

**Technology Advisory Committee
Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology
September 7, 2017**

Attendance

Kathy Verhest	Brunswick City Schools	Matt Gdovin	NEOnet
Roger West	Brunswick City Schools	Chris Zolla	NEOnet
Lance Green	Copley-Fairlawn Schools	Tim Tracy	NEOnet
Kelly Kendrick	Coventry City Schools	Lillian Johnson	NEOnet
Jim Marras	Cuyahoga Falls City Schools		
Denise Valerio	ESC of Medina Co		
Stephanie Swiderski	Hudson City Schools		
Courtney Baliman	Kent City School District		
Darcy Sentowsky	Maple Heights City Schools		
Angie Wagler	Norton City Schools		
Drew Stevens	Parma City Schools		
Laura Bell	Revere Local Schools		
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

Board of Directors – The Board of Directors will meet on September 12, 2017. Among items to be discussed will be Cyber liability insurance and reviewing CIP (continuous improvement plan).

Website – New website launched August 29, 2017. An email will be sent to districts with a deadline for all end users to be authenticated.

Social Media –

- LinkedIn
 - Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology
- Twitter
 - @NEOnetOH
 - @mjgdovin

Strategic Plan – #1 priority for FY18 is security. In addition, Alpha was down for 6 hours on June 29th, discussed options for State software business continuity.

Cyber Security

White Paper – Update posted on social media.

Staff Professional Development – 300 professional development opportunities to be offered.

Executive Briefing – NEOnet to host Cyber Security Briefings (3) three time a year. The next briefing will be in mid-November.

Proactive Customer Protection Offerings – An email about KNOWBE4 will be sent with more information. Best product and most effective for cyber security. A demo can be scheduled for Superintendents and Treasures that would like to participate in the service.

Legislative and Legal Updates

HB410 – New truancy bill. Software Answers is working with ODE to enhance application in order to be able to track attendance more efficiently.

Business Council – Districts required to participate in HB49. Summit Co ESC and ESC of Medina Co to become a Business Council. The goal is to encourage districts to work with local businesses and seek their input in education.

Video Conferencing

Copley and Wadsworth Schools worked together to create a distance learning classroom beginning this school year. A small investment and a great way for district to share teaching resources. The video end points are clear and easy to use. There is a lot of work left to do for this to be a widely adopted practice, but we have a solid start.

Content Filtering

Lightspeed Upgrade – District needs to make sure they are using latest version ASAP. There's a possibility that user profiles may not work if not on the latest version. An email will be sent on how to upgrade to the latest version.

Lightspeed Alternatives/Hardware Upgrade – It's renewal year. A meeting has been scheduled on September 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to write an RFQ of our filtering requirements. The RFQ will be distributed to multiple filtering solution providers.

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Added Additional Storage – Nimble Storage acquired, huge addition to data center. The additional storage eliminates tech hurdles, increases capacity and there is a potential for cost savings.

Fabric Interconnect Upgrades – Ordered all brand new servers last year. Hardware will be replaced after hours, expect zero downtime.

Exchange 2016 Migration – Migration is complete and everyone is on the latest version.

BitDefender Discussion –A demo of the software will be set up after Tech meeting in October.

There was discussion that class rosters may not open in Excel 2016. There is a warning opening the file which indicates the extension does not match. Upon clicking yes, if there is a second message that the file will not open, below are the steps to allow the file to open:

File>Options>Trust Center>Trust Center Settings>Protected View–Uncheck the 3 boxes (below), click OK



Technology Integration Discussion

Technology Integration Service – Good participation, integration service is going well.

Group Purchasing – Chrome Books – Group purchases can be challenging. We are working with two vendors to put together a catalog of commonly purchased items.

One to One Playbook – First Draft – Requested district feedback and how One to One Playbook can be more meaningful for Superintendents.

The next Technology Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.