

**Technology Advisory Committee
Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology
October 1, 2015**

Attendance

Michele Gasser	Barberton City Schools	Chris Zolla	NEOnet
Jim Kerns	Buckeye Local Schools	Marie Schmidt	NEOnet
Karl Walker	Buckeye Local Schools	Tim Tracy	NEOnet
Lance Green	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools	Kim Fassnacht	NEOnet
Kelly Kendrick	Coventry Local Schools	Brendon Yarian	NEOnet
Jim Marras	Cuyahoga Falls City Schools		
Marc Clendaniel	Green Local Schools		
Courtney Baliman	Kent City Schools		
Jennifer Milnes	Maplewood Career Center		
Denise Valerio	Medina County ESC		
Kyle Livengood	Nordonia City Schools		
Angie Wagler	Norton City Schools		
Laura Bell	Revere Local Schools		
David Mog	Richmond Heights Local Schools		
Dustin Boswell	Springfield Local Schools		
Jackie Davis	Summit Academy		
Kurt Gwin	Tallmadge City Schools		
Marcus Madden	Twinsburg City Schools		
Eric Unangst	Woodridge Local Schools		

Items Discussed

The Minutes from the September meeting are on the website.

Organizational Update

- Finance Committee - will meet to discuss:
 - First floor remodel
 - Employee health care plan
 - DR Site Upgrade
- MRSC Assembly - will meet on November 2, 2015 to discuss:
 - 3 year finance plan approval
 - Consider the remodel of the first floor
 - New customer options
- K-12 Network Subsidy – Applications open Monday, October 5th
 - A recommendation was made for districts to label the circuit speeds on their K-12 diagrams.
- Online Testing – the presentation from the ITC Technology Directors meeting was shown and will be emailed out to the group.

SMRS (Student Management Records System) Discussion

- Feedback is needed from districts regarding the current SMRS.
 - Should NEOnet look at alternatives?
 - A survey regarding satisfaction with the current system will go out to users.
 - A discussion will be held at the Educational Operating Committee meeting on October 7, 2015 at 9:00 am. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Software Answers will be there at 10:15.
- The group gave the following feedback:

- Family Groups are not ideal for every district
- Electronic Report Cards are too cumbersome.
- A Mobile App is needed

Group Purchasing

- Symantec Anti-Virus Renewal – email with quote will go out to the group for a December renewal.
- Smartnet Renewal – an email will be sent to those who have renewals due. To include any new equipment, email Marie Schmidt (Schmidt@neonet.org) with the type of equipment and serial number.

NEOnet Network

- DDoS Attack – last week.
 - Arbor Appliance update – Completely redesigned the tuned the policies. White listed many IP addresses for streaming media and reduced the values on UDP flooding.
 - UDP Traffic – lots of UDP traffic being generated by VPN on personal devices. We are black listing these sites to attempt to reduce this traffic. If any streaming media sites experience issues please contact the helpdesk.
- IP Voice
 - Recent upgrade – small database consistence issue. It was resolved by rolling back to the previous version and completing the upgrade again.
 - IManage update – vendor is working on fix. If phone changes are required, please submit a ticket and the tech team will complete them for you.
 - Video conferencing – NEOnet will be installing video conferencing in the conference rooms and lab. This will include Bridging, SIP URI and Video conferencing and will be tied into phone system with 6 digit extension. Integrates with Webex. There will be the ability to record sessions.
 - Hostname change – info will be sent out
- Firewall Upgrade
 - This has been delayed somewhat, due to a huge learning curve for NEOnet. Once comfortable, information will be sent out regarding the upgrade.
- Core Switch Upgrade – The upgrade will take place on October 14th after 9:00 pm.
- Website Registration – the ability to register for trainings and meetings at NEOnet is now available on the NEOnet website.

Future Initiatives

An open discussion took place regarding areas the group would like NEOnet to focus on in the upcoming year. A few of those initiatives are:

- CIP committee for next year
- E-Rate funding and upgrading equipment and technology
- Video Conferencing and Distance Learning
- Upgrading firewall to ISP grade
- Datacenter – applying for Straight A grant to enable NEOnet to become a datacenter for districts.
- RFQ to replace state software for the accounting system.

e-Tech/ODE – Mike Edwards

Nothing to report

The NEOTech committee met briefly to discuss details for the 2016 conference.

The next Technology Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held November 5, 2015.