

Minutes

February 7, 2008

8:30 - 8:45 Announcements

Mass. Tech. Directors' Assn.

Carol is going; David may join her.

Recap of Superintendents' Luncheon

All agreed that it went very well and that the material that we presented was appropriate.

Article in West County News

Featured an interview with me about TEP. Very quaint.

Financial update

We had \$28,167.89 in the bank as of January 28, 2008. We are owed about \$3,000.

Broadband Bond Bill Hearing in Boston

I have been invited to testify by the FRCOG. I will represent TEP as well as the Town of Colrain, where I am chair of the Broadband Comm.

Franklin County Schools Study Group – Linda Dunlevy

Linda will send me a draft of the report and we will discuss how TEP might play a role in the future.

NSF Grant

To introduce teachers and students of Franklin and Hampshire counties to GIS.

I will be exploring submitting this grant through UMASS.

Jeff Comenitz, formerly Technology Director at Amherst, is now working for DOE as part of the Data Warehouse team.

Bill Dornbusch announced that there is now an official DW steering committee that has been put together by the DOE. TEP is represented on the committee by... Bill.

8:45 – 9:00 Plan for ISP proposals

Producing the RfS was useful. Copies may be filed as proof that the required number of quotes was received.

9:00 – 9:30 Business

Dues for next year: \$2.00 / student was approved. Could go down if we get more members or corporate sponsors.

Fundraising and sponsorships: 501(c)(3)

***ACTION: David will look into what is involved in getting our own non-profit status.***

Additional member benefits: It was agreed that TEP will offer Moodle training.

***ACTION: Install a Moodle sand box on the TEP site and put together a meta course on how to use Moodle.- David***

We decided not to try to offer any training related to the Data Warehouse project at this time nor are we in a position to offer data archiving to members at this time.

Ideas for future meetings? Microsoft rep. for March MSDN in particular,  
***ACTION: Arrange for visit by Microsoft, Adobe representatives. - David***

PR and Membership drive

***ACTION: Contact So. Hadley - Diana***

***ACTION: Contact Gateway, Nashoba - Gary***

***ACTION Explore putting out another Press release about power saving tips.- David***

***ACTION: Send out brochures, letters.- David***

9:30 – 9:45 Software/hardware possibilities

TurnItIn – Maybe next year.

First Class – No interest.

Notification software - Various offers.

***ACTION: Put together a price list and distribute – David***

Dell, H-P, Lenovo computers Apple? Bill might be able to get us a price after he works out a deal for 75 machines. Bill will send me prices.

***ACTION: Share best Dell/Lenovo prices with TEP. - Bill***

***ACTION: Contact Apple.- David***

9:45 – 10:30 Data Retention

We discussed the draft from Donna and decided that it was a good first draft but that we need to fill it out.

***ACTION: Go through Public Record Law, Education section and cross reference to types of docs. that we store. Prepare second draft.- David***

***ACTION: Ask Donna for spreadsheet. - David***

***ACTION: Get policy document at MASC and/or MASS and send to David - Bob***

Next Meeting, GCC Campus, Rm. E-132: Thursday, March 6, 2008