

Minutes

April 3, 2008  
**GCC Downtown**

8:30 – 9:30 Announcements and Discussion

1. NSF ITEST grant submitted. Thanks to all.
2. CITI GIS course is on our Moodle site
3. Membership update – Easthampton, Hatfield, Gateway, South Hadley

***ACTION: Send Bill pdf of brochure. - DG***

***ACTION: Write to Irene V. - How about \$6000? - DG***

We discussed the possibility of dual membership levels, membership and associate membership for people who just want licensing pay a flat fee and a percentage on services, but decided it was too complicated to deal with at this point. Further discussion next year.

4. Met with Franklin County School Collaborative Purchasing Working Group. This group is looking at how to collaboratively purchase text books and computer hardware as well as regional bussing issues. I suggested that we buy less text books and consider a county-wide laptop initiative. People were receptive to the idea.
5. MassCUE Educational Technology Leadership Symposium (ETLS) I have posted a summary of this event on our site.
6. DW Grant: Marty reported that we have \$25K for PD. He has scheduled a 3 day workshop as part of Franklin County Summer Academy on August 4-6, from 8:00 – until 3:00 at TF H.S. Damon Douglas and David O. will be leading the workshop. Attendees will receive a \$300 stipend.

***ACTION Talk to David O. re: webinar development. - DG***

7. Discussed briefly whether or not TEP would support a position paper that encourages 1:1 laptop initiatives. There was support for getting more information and beginning to develop a draft position paper.

***ACTION: Invite Paul Facteau and Kim Florek to our next meeting. - DG.***

## Data Retention

We didn't get to discuss this during the meeting, but a subcommittee consisting of David, Bob Clancy, and Tina Mahaney met after the meeting to discuss completing a final draft proposal. Tina has compiled an Electronically Stored Information (ESI) Survey Data Map for Pioneer and Bob has been working on a preamble to the policy. The three of us, with some input from Kevin Courtney, will have a final draft at the May meeting.

9:30 – 10:30 Presentation – Randy Stevens from Microsoft Corp.

Randy started out by telling us that he is not a Licensing guy, so he couldn't tell us much about pricing. However, his PowerPoint presentations, (now posted on our web site with the the meeting minutes), gave a nice overview of the School Agreement and Novell migration. A few interesting points:

- Note that the School Agreement is an annual subscription service. Participating schools are in effect, *renting* MS software by the year. *If you drop out of the program, you need to purchase licenses!*
- Randy and I will discuss the possibility of TEP becoming an MS Managed Account. This would give us much better access to Microsoft and would be a nice selling point for current and potential new TEP members.
- There are a number of other software packages that are available under the School Agreement that we are not purchasing.

***ACTION: Write to Darrell and get pricing of all software available under the School Agreement. - DG***

- When counting computers for participation in the School Agreement, Macs should be included if you are purchasing Office or CALs. It is unclear whether older computers that will not run current software offerings need to be counted. Randy will clarify.
- The School Agreement assumes that the computers being covered were purchased with an MS OS installed. It's OK, however, to update machines that were donated and had an OS installed under the Microsoft donation program.
- The Home Use agreement covers the Office Suite, but *NOT* the OS.
- The Microsoft Learning Essentials (templates for teachers and students) is included in the School Agreement at no additional charge. (I think I have some CD's in the office.)
- School Agreement includes a complimentary membership in Microsoft Developers Network (MSDN).

Next Meeting: **Thursday, May 1, 2008**

Focus: 1:1 Laptop Initiative with Paul Facteau (formerly of Gateway RSD)

Location TBA