

EduTech Steering Committee
March 11, 2005
RIT Inn and Conference Center

Members present:

Bruce Amey, Avon
Joe Backer, Letchworth
Mike Glover, GV BOCES
Gary Hammond, GV BOCES
Bob Leiby, Manchester Shortsville

Tom Manko, York
Joe Marinelli, WFL BOCES
Camille Sorenson, EduTech
Dan Starr, NR-Wolcott

Members Absent:

Joan Cole, Elba
Maria Ehresman, Williamson

Jack McCabe, WFL BOCES

Guests:

Kelli Eckdahl

Amy Perry-DelCorvo

- **Professional Development Online Courses – “Learning Café”**

Kelli Eckdahl and Amy Perry-DelCorvo presented on the “Learning Café”

The National Educational Technology Plan released last month states that every student and teacher should participate in at least one on-line course.

Currently we offer 37 courses.

In 2002-03 WFL BOCES had a glitch in their calendar in regards to the third professional conference day. The only options available to fit the day into the calendar year was the day before December break, day before February break, a day in the middle of August, or the day after the students leave on June 25. It was decided to give the staff a choice of attending June 25 or take a six-week online course.

Six Week Online Courses:

- Choose from 14 different courses
- Set schedule offered 5 different start dates throughout the school year
- Set list of requirements for completion by a course rubric
- All have guidance of administration
- Do training on-site after school

Year 1 - 49% of staff participated; Year 3 - 72 % of staff participating
Completion rate staying steady at 85%

- **Sign Off to Participate On-line Courses**

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This was a continuation of the discussion at the November meeting regarding district union signoff and a MOA for online student courses. *Action Item – EduTech will evaluate possible options (and any additional ideas) and present them in the future*

Update on Federal Government Technology Budget/Funding for Education

Joint venture with several agencies to get funding for technology education.

- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) www.iste.org is making the case for education technology. At their website you can find information for educating Board members and staff.

- Developing level of technology for all levels of workforce
- Tech cuts are part of a bigger picture by the president to cut 48 programs to be able to put in place one program he is pushing

- **Update on EduTech Projects**
 - Powerschool
 - SIF - add a student demographic data automatically populated to other databases
 - SPAM/email
 - Spyware
 - Viruses

- **Update on EduTech Customer Survey Action Plan**

Survey action plan accomplishments and goals from this committee were closely related. Camille shared a handout with the progress we have made. Over the next 6-10 months we are going to review what we have accomplished with the action plan and the goals of the steering committee. See where there are gaps and where work needs to be focused on a little bit more. Resurvey the districts later this year/early 2006 and see where we still have not reached the level where the districts would like us to be at. We also need to make sure we communicate with all the stakeholders to make them fully aware of the items we have implemented.