

EduTech Steering Committee
RIT Inn and Conference Center
December 5, 2016
8:30 to 10:00 AM

Members Present:

Scott Bischooping, WFL BOCES
Greg Bump, Mt. Morris
Mike Hayden, Clyde-Savannah?

Julie Reed, Letchworth
Marty Rotz, Romulus
Camille Sorenson, EduTech

Members Absent:

Chris Dailey, Batavia CSD
Paul Alioto, Dansville CSD

Kevin MacDonald, GVEP
Mathis Calvin, Wayne

Guest:

Chris Saxby, EduTech
Kelli Eckdahl, EduTech

Kelli Eckdahl, Instructional Technology

Kelli gave an overview and updated what Instruction Technology offerings and how we are working with districts. .

Training is provided in many ways; catalog offerings, in-district offerings, on-line courses for students, facilitation/planning, shared service, joint technology coordinator meetings.

Catalog Offerings:

Between Kelli and Mary Harvey have over 35 years of training. Catalog of course offerings comes out three times a year. Since July 1, 2016 have trained 680 teachers in districts.

Online Courses:

Mike Morone and Mary Jane Schenk (and now Heather Pannucci) support the on-line courses. On July 1st 270 students were enrolled in 75 courses.

Telepresence Robots:

This is the second full year of offering robots. Currently have three robots (Sheldon, Penny, and Leonard) with inquiries picking up. Robots work off of WiFi. We do a walk through to make sure there are not any WiFi dead zone spots. The district is responsible to make sure the student has technology needed at home.

2017-18 Budget

Camille reviewed the 2017-18 budget and pricing, no changes since our November 8 meeting.

Factors driving the budget - Salary and benefits for employees, ERS/TRS budget
Health care

Scott mentioned that the cost of EduTech is ERS and they are in the high teens where TRS is around 10%.
Middle of the road 12%

Scott asked Camille to put out a list of how pricing has changed over the years and what you are looking at for coming years. Committee members can then share with constituents.

Looking at test scoring service and what it will look like in the future as districts go to 3-8 computer based testing.

Question was raised regarding the equipment going down 15%. This has been happening over the past couple of years and will level off. Smart Schools is not affecting it. That is for infrastructure.

Many RICs across the state are offering managed service, this is something that we have been doing a number of years. This is especially true in the RIC support of the network infrastructure. Scott mentioned it is similar to BOCES taking over food service. Districts asking RICs to take care of technology. With Schooltool and nVision many districts have us host the server resulting in a need for fewer servers in districts.

We are looking for a recommendation to proceed with the budget as presented - Approved – no one opposed