

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

The following members were present:

Ms. Jennifer Faulkner, Alamo Heights
ISD

Mr. Joseph Duffy, Edgewood ISD
Br. Dennis Doose, Holy Cross High
School

Ms. Mary Jo Peters, Hondo ISD

Mr. Carl Tanton, John H. Wood Charter

Mr. Allen Bordelon, La Vernia ISD

Mr. Fred McNeil, Leakey ISD

Mr. Kenneth Englehart, Lytle ISD

Ms. Theresa McAllister, Jourdanton ISD

Mr. Ron Bolin, Randolph Field ISD

Ms. Jeannette Roberts, Natalia ISD

Ms. Vicki Wehmeyer, Stockdale ISD

Dr. Terry Smith, ESC-20

Mr. John McCauley, ESC-20

Ms. Harriett Jackson, ESC-20

Mr. Rick Alvarado, ESC-20

Ms. Susan Altgelt, ESC-20

Dr. Smith opened the meeting, welcomed all the Executive Committee members and asked each member to introduce themselves.

Ms. Jackson explained the 2008-2009 projected budget including revenue and expenditures for this school year. Mr. Fred McNeil motioned to approve the budget and Ms. Vicki Wehmeyer seconded the motion then the committee accepted the budget by unanimous vote. Ms. Jackson continued with a review of the 2008-2009 netVision20 member districts and the total money collected through this membership as of September 17, 2008.

Ms. Jackson updated the committee on TETN Plus/Internet2. TETN Plus is a statewide, K-12 network providing connectivity to Internet2. The only way a school district can access this connection is through an Education Service Center or higher education partner with a direct connect. Internet2 is focused on developing and deploying advanced networking technologies for higher education. Its [membership](#) represents over 300 member institutions including: Universities, corporations, government research agencies, and non-profit organizations. It is expected to be fully operational after the cross connection to the TETN switch is installed.

Ms. Jackson then explained that videoconferencing connectivity is now an eligible e-rate service. However, the videoconferencing scheduling is not. Region 20 separates these two services so no changes will be needed. Districts that use vendors who do not already do this will have to cost allocate the scheduling portion out of the total price.

The Steering Committee was made up of five (5) workgroups originally established to concentrate on areas of concern of the netVision20 consortium. The workgroups were: Marketing, Policies and Procedures, Technology Integration, Infrastructure, and Technical Training. The Steering Committee met on Monday, September 29, 2008 and broke into small groups to examine if there was still a need to keep all 5 workgroups intact. The Steering Committee decided that it was not necessary to keep all 5 workgroups. It was decided that the Infrastructure and Technical Training workgroups remain and the rest of the work groups be dissolved and folded into the Steering Committee. Lots of the activities that are being done are covered out of other areas like the Critical Issues Luncheon meetings, ESC-20 marketing, etc. It was recommended that membership in these two workgroups be updated. If you would like to recommend a person to either of these workgroups please contact Harriett Jackson at (210) 370-5713 or harriett.jackson@esc20.net.

The committee then reviewed the hours of videoconferencing usage report from 9/1/07 – 5/31/08. This includes the total hours of usage for each district utilizing this service. The committee also went over the videoconferencing usage by category from 9/1/07 – 08/31/08. This report breaks down the videoconferencing usage into 10 categories and percentages of usage for each category. There were only three (3) errors in videoconferencing that were documented for the entire school year.

Ms. Altgelt then discussed the electronic field trips report. This report compiles information from 9/07 – 5/08. The student participation for this report is over 6,300. She also included a bar graph with a three year comparison of information on the different types of field trips taken including: Science, Social Studies, ELA and Fine Arts. There are a lot of distance learning events coming up.

Student Videoconferencing Programs:

- 10/8/08 Careers in NFL (grades 5-7)
- 10/10/08 Careers in NFL (grades 7-12)
- 10/30/08 Doc Edward's Amazing Aquifer Adventure (5th grade)
- 12/3/08 Doc Edward's Amazing Aquifer Adventure (4th grade)
- 1/29/09 Doc Edward's Amazing Aquifer Adventure (3rd grade)

Professional Development:

- 10/7/08 Diabetes and Nutrition

Virtual Wednesday:

- 10/15/08 Virtual Field Trips for Science
- 10/29/08 Virtual Field Trips for Social Studies
- 11/12/08 Collaborative Videoconferencing Projects
- 1/21/09 Creating Your Own Collaboration Videoconferencing Project

If your district is interested in any of the upcoming programs or would like to schedule a distance learning program please contact Ms. Susan Altgelt at (210) 370-5639 or susan.altgelt@esc20.net .

Ms. Jackson and Ms. Altgelt discussed the new products offered in Network Services as well as Instructional Technology.

Remote Backups – Provides access to local and remote backups for data and/or e-mail.

Learnkey Online Training – Provides training and course materials for students and personnel in your high school and all schools that feed into the high school for the price of just the high school.

Prometric Testing Center – A Microsoft certification testing center as well as certification for teachers and the GRE testing for prospected graduate students.

Ethical Hacker Training – A (5) day security training course that explains the tactics commonly used to penetrate a network. This will prepare students to take the CEH exam 312.50.

Online Tutor – This is a statewide initiative in partnership with TEA and the State Library. This pilot project will determine the feasibility of an online tutoring project and the secondary level.

Critical Issues Luncheons – Luncheons offered in a forum type environment around critical issues related to technology and technology integration.

K-12 Databases – A state funded program that provides access to EBSCO and EB as well as training through ESC-20 and on-line. Districts need to use these resources or possibly lose them for next year.

NetTrekker and Learn360 - netTrekker is an educational search engine and Learn360 is a video Streaming option.

Apple Training Options - Final Cut Pro 6, Motion 3, Remix, DVD Studio, Podcasting for Administrators, iPod Touch Academy, and a MAC Training Series.

New Training Opportunities – Technology Directors Academy, Teachers, Technology Directors and Facilitators, Leading with Technology Academy, Technology Strategic Planning and Campus Administrators Technology Academy.

ESC-20 has a Disaster Recovery Plan that includes the membership of netVision20. Contact information is needed for the netVision20 members and/or non-members that receive services. The information requested will only be used to contact members in the event of a disaster. The document requesting district contact information will be provided to all members. The Open Records request is in effect. We will check internally regarding whether Superintendent Cell Phone information can be kept private.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Technology Directors Meetings:

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 12:00 PM- 3:30 PM

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Steering Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting:

Thursday, April 16, 2009 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

The Executive Committee adjourned at 2:15 PM.