

netVision20 Steering Committee Meeting
September 30, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Scott Turner	Center Point ISD
Mr. Cody Newcomb	Center Point ISD
Ms. Melissa Ramos	Floresville ISD
Ms. Leonora Rodriguez	Harlandale ISD
Mr. Allen Bordelon	La Vernia ISD
Ms. Linda Vegh	Uvalde CISD
Br. Dennis Doose	Holy Cross Junior/Senior High School
Dr. Terry Smith	Education Service Center, Region 20
Dr. Jeff Goldhorn	Education Service Center, Region 20
Mr. John McCauley	Education Service Center, Region 20
Ms. Harriett Jackson	Education Service Center, Region 20
Ms. Susan Altgelt	Education Service Center, Region 20

Dr. Terry Smith opened the meeting with news about the current Legislature and everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Mr. Cody Newcomb, Center Point ISD's superintendent, started the meeting with a discussion on the possibility of face-to-face/videoconferencing dual-credit offerings as well as an idea for teacher sharing between smaller districts in the Region. Mr. Newcomb has a concern with the current computer based method of dual-credit offerings in his district. He does not consider the current method a "best practice" initiative for students in the context under which they are receiving instruction. Mr. Newcomb would like to offer his students more face-to-face opportunities for dual-credit learning creating a much more dynamic environment. He believes this will encourage more students to participate in dual-credit learning opportunities. The committee held a discussion and came up with the following action items to concentrate on:

Develop a survey to send to districts to assess the need for dual credit opportunities as well as teacher sharing.

Create a pilot class for the spring semester to evaluate the possible problems/solutions that might arise.

Create a database for districts to obtain and provide information on the need for/availability of dual-credit teachers and class content.

Ms. Harriett Jackson discussed the 2009-2010 projected budget for netVision20 including revenue, expenditures, netVision 20 member districts and WAN/Video Services. The

Executive committee will make the decision finalizing the budget. Ms. Jackson also discussed new product offerings and software versions. Big Fix Power Management is a new product offering, they will be presenting a technical Tuesday on October 13th at 3:30 p.m. There are several new software versions that are now available including: IC3 Global Standard, Macromedia Dreamweaver CS4, Macromedia Fireworks CS4, Network+ 2009 Certification, Photoshop CS4 and Learnkey K-12 bundle. If you have any questions pertaining to these items please contact Harriett Jackson at harriett.jackson@esc20.net.

Mr. Jeff Goldhorn discussed the consortium charge and structure. The consortium is made up of the Executive committee and Steering committee with accompanying workgroups. The Executive committee consists of district superintendents or their designated representative. This committee votes on actions brought forth by the Steering committee. The Steering committee consists of district technology representatives that have been nominated and voted on. They also examine issues for workgroup consideration and review. The two workgroups included in the Steering committee at this time are the Infrastructure and Technical Training workgroup. The membership of the Steering committee is as follows:

Chair	Terry Smith
Vice Chair	Linda Vegh
Class AAAAA	Diana Goering
Class AAAA	Melissa Ramos
Class AAA	Allen Bordelon
Class AA	Roland Rios
Class A	Scott Turner
At Large	Leonora Rodriguez
At Large	Brother Dennis Doose

Bro. Dennis Doose voiced some concerns he has been having with the business office at Region 20. Mr. McCauley as well as Mr. Goldhorn said they will bring the issues forward to the business office and try to find a solution.

Ms. Jackson informed the committee on hours of Videoconference usage and explained the breakdown for each district. She then informed the committee of the video usage by category report with the most usage appearing out of the for credit student courses at 44% followed by TETN broadcasts at 41%. Ms. Susan Altgelt has incorporated a new blog if you need information on upcoming videoconferencing opportunities her address is www.altgeltvc.wordpress.com.

Ms. Jackson informed the committee about the upcoming creation of business plans for netVision20 and Internet2. This process will be ongoing and has district representatives as well Region 20 staff on the planning committees. Ms. Jackson opened the floor to discussion concerning the focus of the year for netVision20. The committee suggested that information be acquired and disseminated to the member districts about Internet2 network requirements. There was also a recommendation for a charge to be added to the

committees (possibly adding an ad hoc committee) to investigate the technology proficiency standards for 8th grade students as well as integration for technology skills for 5th – 8th grades. Finally, the committee would like further discussion on the AUP (acceptable use policy) and WPP (web publishing policy) to exam the standards used in establishing these policies.

The next Steering Committee meeting date for the 2009-2010 school year is:
Wednesday, 2/24/10.

The Steering Committee was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.