

**Technology Director's
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM

The following members were present:

Ms. Jennifer Faulkner, Alamo Heights ISD	Ms. Gloria Wynkoop, Somerset ISD
Mr. John Ristaino, Cotulla ISD	Mr. Paul Brisen, South San ISD
Ms. Cathy Zotz, East Central ISD	Mr. Carl Tanton, John H. Wood
Ms. Lana Rollins, D'Hanis ISD	Mr. Jeff Goldhorn, ESC-20
Mr. Joseph Duffy, Edgewood ISD	Ms. Chuntida Harinnitisuk, ESC-20
Ms. Leonora Rodriguez, Harlandale ISD	Ms. Harriett Jackson, ESC-20
Ms. Mary Jo Peters, Hondo ISD	Mr. Norman Randolph, ESC-20
Ms. Jeannette Roberts, Natalia ISD	Mr. Wes Stevens, ESC-20
Mr. Joel Adkins, Kerrville ISD	Ms. Susanna Garza, ESC-20
Mr. Billy Polasek, Stockdale ISD	Mr. Ed Smith, ESC-20
Ms. Theresa McAllister, Jourdanton ISD	Mr. Susan Altgelt, ESC-20
Mr. Will McDowell, Lackland ISD	
Mr. Virgil Kirk, Poteet ISD	

Ms. Harriett Jackson opened the meeting and welcomed all the Technology Directors. Harriett then introduced Keith Oertli from Meru Networks. Meru Networks is a global leader in wireless infrastructure. Mr. Oertli explained the industry leading 802.11N wireless technology. It offers the highest scalability, easiest deployment and protection of your investment. Meru networks also offers equipment for asset tracking with RF tags. This is a wireless solution without compromise and consistent reliable performance. If you would like more information please contact Mr. Oertli at (512) 293-2368 or koertli@merunetworks.com

The TCEA Area 20 Director, Ms. Jennifer Faulkner, presented some information on the 2010 TCEA convention. The dates for the 2010 convention are February 8-12, 2010 please mark your calendars now if you plan to attend. She also asked the Technology Directors for their feedback on the 2009 convention. There is an upcoming student robotics contest on March 28, 2009 if you have any students interested. Congratulations to Rick Martinez and Miguel Guhlin for being recognized by TCEA. If you have any other suggestions or training ideas please contact Ms. Faulkner at (210) 832-5780 or jfaulkner@ahisd.net

Ms. Susanna Garza presented the Instructional Technology update to the Technology Directors. There will be an upcoming T3:G3 conference here at the Region on October 23, 2009. The theme of the conference is: Teens, Teachers and Technology Going Global and Green. The 2009-2010 Options for video streaming are: Learn360 at .55 per

student or Powermediaplus.com at .81 per student. If you would like to see a demo of these sites please use the following information:

Learn360 www.learn360.com

Trial user name: esc20

Password: esc20

Powermediaplus www.powermediaplus.com

Trial user name: esc-20

Password: esc-20

Downloading videos is not allowed during this trial period.

Ms. Garza then transitioned to the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) and the National Educational Technology Standards for Administrators (NETS) 2009 drafts of educational standards. The Technology Directors were each given a draft of each organizations standard's and their ideas. The challenge for ISTE and NETS is to prepare the digital generation by transforming the traditional learning environment into an emergent learning landscape. The Technology Directors were then asked to brainstorm and provide feedback on the draft for the NETS 2009 framework. What are the best ideas and advice we as Technology Directors can give to ISTE to improve the NETS framework? ISTE also suggested some ideas that you can take back to your district to help in this process. You can Share NETS with colleagues and direct them to a survey to provide their own feedback www.iste.org/nets-survey . You can share 3 best ideas or advice directly to ISTE. Finally, you can conduct a NETS forum or session yourself to gather ideas. If you would like more information on ISTE and NETS please contact Ms. Garza at (210) 370-5635 or susanna.Garza@esc20.net.

Ms. Garza planted a seed for the next Technology Director meeting. Something for you to think about and have a further discussion at a later date. How can districts allow more usage of web 2.0 tools that have great educational value while ensuring student safety on the web?

Mr. Jeff Goldhorn updated the group on the upcoming stimulus package. Title II part D funds will be increased because of the stimulus package from President Obama. We are looking at an increase of approximately \$59 million for a period of 18 months across Texas. Mr. Goldhorn as well as Ms. Harriett Jackson will attend a TETN tomorrow discussing this funding in more detail. When more information is known it will be disseminated to our districts.

Ms. Harriett Jackson then discussed the upcoming Tech Fiesta held here at the Region. The Tech Fiesta will be held on April 16-17, 2009 and the theme this year is "Future Visions". The keynote speaker is the well known Dr. Tim Tyson. He will be here on April 16th His presentation is "An Irresistible Vision of Global Student Contribution". He will also hold a critical issues session for discussion and feedback. We have issued a call for participation if your teachers or students would like to contribute on a technology

related issue please contact Ms. Harriett Jackson at (210) 370-5713 or harriett.jackson@esc20.net . Pre-registration for Tech Fiesta sessions will open up in March 2009.

There is a new look to the netVision 20 website:
<http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/netvision20>

Take a minute to take a look. Ms. Jackson also distributed new marketing materials for the netVision20 Information Technology to the group.

The Technology Directors meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, Noon – 3:30 PM.