

**Technology Director's
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM

The following members were present:

Ms. Jennifer Faulkner, Alamo Heights ISD	Mr. Miguel Guhlin, San Antonio ISD
Mr. John Ristaino, Cotulla ISD	Mr. Ryan Sanchez, School of Excellence
Ms. Lana Rollins, D'Hanis ISD	Ms. Lois Butler, School of Excellence
Mr. Byron McAdams, Devine ISD	Ms. Billy Polasek, Stockdale ISD
Mr. Scott Pesate, Devine ISD	Ms. Melissa Oshman, Southside ISD
Ms. Cathy Zotz, East Central ISD	Ms. Sandra Soto, South San ISD
Ms. Leonora Rodriguez, Harlandale ISD	Ms. Linda Vegh, Uvalde CISD
Ms. Mary Jo Peters, Hondo ISD	Ms. Christine Bowers, Uvalde CISD
Ms. Theresa McAllister, Jourdanton ISD	Ms. Harriett Jackson, ESC-20
Mr. Steve Young, Judson ISD	Ms. Susanna Garza, ESC-20
Mr. Joel Adkins, Kerrville ISD	Ms. Susan Altgelt, ESC-20
Ms. Leslie Denny, Lackland ISD	Mr. Ed Smith, ESC-20
Ms. Suzanne Dreyer, Lytle ISD	Mr. Brent Standke, ESC-20
Ms. Jeannette Roberts, Natalia ISD	Ms. Chuntida Harinnitisuk, ESC-20
Ms. Becky Adams, Northeast ISD	Mr. Jeff Goldhorn, ESC-20
Ms. Maria Nate, Pleasanton ISD	
Mr. Mike Oropeza, Por Vida	
Ms. Jennifer Tellez, Por Vida	
Mr. Virgil Kirk, Poteet ISD	
Ms. Sandra Sexton, Utopia ISD	

Ms. Harriett Jackson opened the meeting and welcomed all the Technology Directors. Ms. Jackson then introduced all of the new Technology Directors in the region: Ms. Linda Vegh, Ms. Christine Bower, Mr. Joel Adkins and Ms. Melissa Oshman.

Ms. Jackson updated the Technology Directors about the Texas Educational Telecommunications Network (TETN) Plus progress and Internet2. TETN Plus is a statewide private K-12 network that will provide Internet2. Connectivity for districts will be through ESC's or a Higher Education partner. Internet2 is a member community focused on advanced Technologies, research and higher education. Region 20 is waiting for the switch installation and the estimated completion date is at the end of September 2008.

ESC-20 has been busy over the summer with the addition of a generator as well as a Storage Area Network (SAN) solution. The SAN solution includes backups, SAN and VMWare. We migrated 14 servers to virtual and connected 9 physical servers to the SAN.

Ms. Jackson discussed the new products and training in technology that ESC-20 is offering:

- Remote backups:
Access to a local and remote appliance (located at BitLeap) to place backup data and/or e-mail.
- AppleCare Protection Plan:
ESC-20 received its Apple Service Authorization on September 9th, 2008
Districts can now get service and complete warranty work through ESC-20 for all Apple computers.
- Prometric Testing Center:
Prometric Testing Center (coming soon)
- Ethical Hacker Training:
A five day security training course that explores the tactics commonly used to penetrate a network. Virgil from Poteet ISD would like ESC-20 to check on the Private Investigator (PI) requirement passed for anyone who sees student data. Ms. Jackson will check into this requirement and let the Technology Director know how this course will affect it.
- netVision20 Website:
The netVision20 website has been updated to match the new look of the overall ESC-20 website. If you have any suggestions to the site please contact harriett.jackson@esc20.net.
- Cisco Academy Grant Opportunity:
Cisco has redesigned it's academy program and now offers two (2) strands of the program. The new strands are called Cisco Discovery and Cisco Explorer with a CCENT certification. ESC-20 is offering a grant for equipment for the district's Cisco lab equipment so that these programs can be implemented at your campus. The district would have to match what is given up to \$3000.00. The grant will include equipment and train the trainer instruction. Specific information about how to apply will be disseminated to you from Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Jackson also informed the Technology Directors that videoconferencing is now an eligible service from e-rate. However, the scheduling portion of videoconferencing is not an eligible service through e-rate. This is not an issue for ESC-20 because scheduling is a part of the netVision20 membership fee and videoconferencing is a separate contract.

There is a survey tool forthcoming if any district is interested in a trouble ticketing product to log, track and report on what assistance is given to users. If offered there would be a small fee associated to receive this service in subsequent years.

There are two (2) newsletters available for dissemination of information. One is for Technology Leaders at <http://web.esc20.net/netvision20/newsletter.htm> and one is for Teachers and Administrators at <http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/DISTANCELEARNING1/DLNewsletters>

Please review these for upcoming events, general information, new products and services.

Ms. Susanna Garza presented information on the Instructional Technology updates.

- Online Tutoring Pilot:
This is a tutoring program that will offer curriculum support, data collection and reporting, availability and accessibility and student engagement.
There is a vendor RFP open for this Pilot program.
- ESC-20 Gaming Initiative:
This will include a campus gaming library.
The subscription cost will include the initial kit plus annual updates and this initiative will be offered in the Spring of 2009.
- Critical Issues Luncheons:
Marco Torres – Teaching Creativity
Ian Jukes – Living on the future edge thinking about tomorrow today
Wesley Fryer – Safe digital social networking
Marc Prensky – Don't bother me mom, I'm learning.
Phil Scrivano – Digital Forensics (October 16th)

Please register through iLearning for these upcoming Critical Issues Luncheons.

- EBSCO and EB subscriptions
Customized access codes, free training at ESC-20 online, and please know...Use them or lose them.
- The Educational Resources Coop:
netTrekker (educational search engine) and Learn360 (video Streaming option)
- Apple Authorized Training center:
Final Cut Pro 6
Motion 3
Remix
DVD Studio
Podcasting at the Library
iPod and Podcasting for Administrators
iPod Touch Academy
Mac Training Series
- Instructional Technology: Empowering the Digital Generation:
Technology Directors Academy
Teachers as Technology Coaches and Facilitators
Leading with Technology Academy
Campus Administrators Technology Academy (coming soon)
Moodle Academy
Open Source Academy

Ms. Garza and Mr. Goldhorn also updated the Technology Directors on the new Title II Part D Requirements.

Ms. Susan Altgelt discussed the new ESC-20 website that went up in early September. The new website now has a staff directory. ESC-20 is still fine tuning the website so please bear with us in this adjustment stage. If you have any suggestion on the website please contact Ms. Altgelt at susan.altgelt@esc20.net. The Texas virtual school network is asking school districts to go online and set up their accounts. The Virtual school network is scheduled to go live in January of 2009. Even if you do not plan to use

the network they are still asking that you set up an account just in case. The website is www.txvsn.org .

Ms. Jackson informed the Technology Directors that Novanet is no longer going through the service centers. If you have Novanet you will be going directly through Pearson for payment and support. Our Novanet contact if you have any questions is Alfie Perrin (512) 633-0277 or [alfie.perrin @ pearson.com](mailto:alfie.perrin@pearson.com)

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:

Monday, September 29, 2008	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday, March 24, 2009	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Executive Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, September 30, 2008	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Thursday, April 16, 2009	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

The floor was then opened for district Technology Directors to discuss projects they had implemented through the summer. Alamo Heights ISD distributed dual platform Macbooks to all teachers and offered MAC training in June and July. Poteet ISD setup a SAN solution and reimaged all computers. Natalia ISD setup VoIP. East Central ISD setup all new switches. Uvalde ISD is using Eduphoria software and they absolutely love it. Kerrville ISD setup a community forum to share technology ideas and solutions. Stockdale was awarded the 20/20 grant that distributed tablet PC's to all of its teachers.

The Technology Directors meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.