



CTAP 11 Regional Governance Council (RGC)

Thursday, February 8, 2007

Alhambra Unified School District, 15 Alhambra Road, Alhambra, CA 91801

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Gary Carnow Alhambra USD welcomed everyone to Alhambra and gave updates on moving the entire district office. They will be bringing voice over IP, wiring from scratch a brand new building and data center on the property. Thank you from Ray to Alhambra for hosting.

Introductions

Maureen Bradford
Arie Korporal
Judith Carlton
David Rose
Joan Lucid

Arlene Anderson
Joe Oliver
Yvette Abatte
Ruth Mary Cradler
Linda Benafel

Lila Bronson
Themy Sparangis
Vanitha Chandrasekhar

CTAP Staff: Raymond Chavez, Dennis Large, Sonia Hooks, James Kuo

Review of Agenda- Raymond Chavez

Reviewed agenda for meeting and indicated first half of agenda will be informational and the second part interactive for input on new initiatives.

Approval of Thursday, October 5, 2006 Notes

Review minutes (additions) Motion to approve the minutes Yvette Abatte and second Themy Sparangis, all approved.

State and Federal Updates

EdTech K12 Vouchers – Dennis Large

With the settlement claims administrator a large majority (approximately 75%) of invoices have been sent back unpaid because the invoice did not say (meets or is better than standard academic pricing). Questions included, have any vendors done invoicing for software and hardware to break it out using separate invoices or on the same invoice to bill against separate vouchers? RGC members prefer for it to be itemized on one invoice. LACOE as always refers everyone to the settlement claims administrator for official response on acceptable expenses.

Interactive white boards and projectors have been added to the hardware under the general purpose vouchers. It is not written the FAQs. Emails are the best method to contact the claims administrator. Funding is still at \$50 per student, CDE still anticipates the increase to be forthcoming.

EdTechProfile – Dennis Large

The site continues to have improvements. Multiple groups of students can be reviewed in a student report. (see handout), pre and post data is available. Adam Wade continues to be the contact and will give a more detailed overview at the next RGC meeting.

High Speed Network HSN – Themy Sparangis

Committee works together through video conference calls. Imperial County gives updates on listservs regularly to committees. Educators should know that the CENIC conference is in San Diego March 12- 17, 2007 at the San Diego LaJolla Marriott. For more information visit: <http://cenic07.cenic.org/>.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. CENIC is looking for good uses of the nodes. CENIC binders are also available from Dennis Large (nine available). Information is included about a grant for polycom desktop unit, however it is only for the PC and is cumbersome, per Themy.

ESS Update (CA State Technology Report/Survey) - Ruth Mary Cradler

ESS reviewed seven items selected for evaluation in the survey of overall technology access in the state. Details for Region 11 are outlined in the profile. (See handout) Good information, but the source of the information is self-reported. In the verbiage it should say self-reported and perception data obtained from the schools, per Themy. Looking for the title of the charts to reflect this information. It should look like a detailed research controlled evaluation study. Other RGC members agree. Information is detailed by the subregions. It is also available by detail for schools and districts from LACOE. Will check with the raw data on schools missing data. It is helpful to target resources to schools and teachers.

This information does not have implications or consequences for review by the state. Region 11 information will not be shared to the greater region (districts). The 2007 Survey does not include age of laptops and technical support for age of computers. Data on EdTechProfile is more relevant on teacher data. RGC is interested in getting historical data to compare pre EETT, to give more value to the ranking in the charts, comparative data would be valuable.

Gary Carnow used Edtechprofile tech support in union negotiations. Gary gave examples on strategies for collecting CSTS data. Give principals a copy of previous year survey and current year survey. He also gives a copy of purchase order for computers in the year and uses the same numbers for CBEDS. He put

inventory data for High Schools on a handheld computer, bar-coded. He subscribes to the Orion (used computer pricing) for school donations and they are not counted into the inventory. LAUSD does not accept donated computers and recommends donors to give them to other charities. All computers in districts used by teachers and the principal are counted as instructional. Not the classified staff computers.

CTAP Evaluation Mid Year Budget Report, Consortia Funding- Sonia Hooks
All contracts for year two funding have been fully executing. Asking for districts to review with your technology consultants the number of academies completed and charged against last years funding and how many are planned and needed to utilized current funding of 2006/2007. CTAP is looking for district invoices by the end of February, final invoices in June to scheduled trainings through the summer.

The next RGC meeting will have more discussion on budget for 07/08 funding. Also RGC wants an evaluation on barriers to use funding and explore other opportunities and whiteboard ideas for prohibitive costs of substitutes and how we can leverage what the state requires of the grant. Also seeking input on limited funding and impact on the region.

Update Implementation Year Two Technology Academies - Nancy Moore (see PowerPoint)

Teachers are waitlisted who have applied for trainings outside of their sub-regions. They are on hold until released by the region to others. Targeted announcements have been done through EdTechProfile by LACOE consultant. Feedback for academies has been positive and is available for review to the districts. Benchmark for year two academy participants is 1000 teachers, registered 1100 to date. Benchmark for administrators AB430 participants 150, registered to date 252.

Online Professional Development—Dennis Large and Jim Kuo

Moodle is an open source course management system. Statistics outline 8.5 million installations of Moodle, which has been adopted by UCLA. Trends in education are to move away from Blackboard. How can Moodle be supported and distributed out to districts? SUN donation to CTAP provides a huge resource would allow LACOE to host Moodle sites, provide security and bandwidth to districts.

Long Beach USD Pilot (Vanitha) LACOE provided professional development to trainers in the district. LBUSD wanted to offer online alternatives to deliver weekly modules for teachers in the induction program. 75% of the teachers loved doing online versus face to face. Posted online reflections exposed difficulty with 65 students to make face-to-face modules. All grading is done online. Used static professional development courses in PowerPoint to assist in teacher proficiency development. 90% liked to do self paced and preferred to continue. Instructors

found it to be more productive but also had open house sessions to give students the opportunity to use the lab and meet with the instructor.

Alhambra USD is using Moodle at high schools; teachers using it with students. Open source documentation not teacher friendly, would love LACOE to host. Lawndale SD is using Moodle for its BTSA consortia to address standard 16.

LBUSD inductions are going to address the other standards of BTSA. LAUSD successfully created a Moodle users group. They suggest a listserv to continue discussions. RGC has a strong interest in sharing content. Joan Lucid, Saugus is encouraged by online model, 3 meetings out of 10 were face to face, and a blended approach has proven to be effective.

Moodle is a learning community, quizzes, and parent communication, not just for professional development. Baldwin Park will also be doing a pilot, stress test on servers etc. More information will be shared at the next meeting. CTAP has reserved funding for online professional development.

DV Voice Awards Event —May 19, 2007 – Raymond Chavez

Opportunity for teachers to be recognized for their efforts in using technology with their students RGC asked to encourage teachers to submit projects.

TechEd Conference, March 26-29 2007, Ontario Convention Center. Free passes available, email Hooks_Sonia@lcoe.edu.

EdTech Voucher

ITO has new services available for professional development with EdTech Voucher see Dennis Large.

Next RGC Meeting

Consolidate April and June meeting into May 3rd (available) or May 10th (available), looking at going to an innovative program/facility for the May meeting.

LACOE and Ed Leadership Training

In cooperation with McREL have developed tools for administrators. Eight days of training over 5 months beginning in May 2007 will be offered at \$2,000 per participant. Trainers are McREL staff and training is entitled "Balanced Leadership With Technology". Dates and flyers will be released soon.

CTAP will host a 21st Century Learners event/symposium in the fall. Looking for input from the districts to participate and develop agenda.

Meeting adjourned: Noon