

Region 10-Regional Telecommunications Council

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by RTC Coordinator Jan Robertson at 3:30 pm in 104 Washington Hall, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids main campus. The following members were in attendance: Marcel Kielkucki, Ric Lumbard, Todd Prusha, Michelle Tressel, Scott Drake, Jed Peterson, Gerry Beeler and Jan Robertson. Absent members were: Jackie Wellborn, Lisa Fry, Bill Lynch, Vicky Malloy, Phil Meaney and Steve Ovel.

There were no additions to the agenda. The minutes of the June 6, 2012 meeting were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Member Reports

Jed Peterson – Iowa Association of School Boards

Jed related that Cedar Rapids Prairie is now a 1to1 school district with the purchase of MacBook Pro laptops for their school. It is one of the largest school districts in the state to adopt. Apple reported that it was one of the smoothest installs in recent state history. Grant Wood AEA and the tech staff at Prairie all deserve much appreciation for all their work.

Todd Prusha – Iowa Association of Community College Trustees

Todd told the group of the new high school credit Iowa Learning Online Chinese class started this fall. It is a Mid-Prairie instructor teaching from the ICN room at the Kirkwood Iowa City Center. There are meeting 3 days a week on ICN and 2 days online. The instructor was also once a student of the current instructional designer in the Kirkwood Distance Learning department.

Michelle Tressel – Iowa Public Television.

In news from IPTV, their K-12 Connections ICN newsletter has been revamped with positive reviews from users. There are a number of STEM sessions offered starting in November with such topics as Urban Archaeology and Career Exploration, Women in STEM careers and Stem Cells & Cloning: What about Dolly.

In FY12, there were 324 K-12 Connections sessions, with 3079 sites, over 6,000 hours used and more than 24,000 participants in the state of Iowa.

Exofficio Member reports:

Marcel Kielkucki – Secondary Programs

Kirkwood High School Distance Learning has recorded record registrations of 244 for the month of August.

Alternative schools are also finding great use of the online learning classes.

Jan Robertson – Region 10 RTC Coordinator/Educational Scheduler

Jan briefly reviewed the FY12 Progress Report and the FY13 Regional Support Services Plan that had been emailed prior to the meeting.

The Distance Learning Department at Kirkwood has recently moved back to their remodeled space in Linn Hall. The remodeling of Linn Hall is just 8 months into a 3 year project. There is currently one ICN room in use in Linn Hall with the other being used as a temporary full time and adjunct office space. By next August, the room will be available for ICN use.

Ric Lumbard – Iowa Communications Network

Ric reported that a large number of schools and agencies have greatly increased their bandwidth with Grant Wood AEA being the largest AEA user in the state. Also, there an ever increasing number of schools adopting the 1 to 1 program. Thanks to the BTOP grant, ICN is able to furnish this additional bandwidth. Rich also noted that the BTOP grant process is still ahead of schedule.

The IP classroom conversion is still in the early adopter phase as rooms are being brought on and tested.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6th, 2013, 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Robertson
RTC Region 10 Coordinator