



**Technology Advisory Committee  
Northeast Ohio Network for Educational Technology  
March 5, 2009**

**Attendance**

Lyn Downey	Barberton City Schools	Matt Gdovin	NEOnet
Deb Muccio	Buckeye Local Schools	Chris Zola	NEOnet
Lisa Kovalsick	Cloverleaf Local Schools	Tim Tracy	NEOnet
Lance Green	Copley-Fairlawn City Schools	Denise Marrali	NEOnet
Kelly Kendrick	Coventry Local Schools		
Pat McKinney	Cuyahoga Falls City Schools	Richard Kevern	e-Tech Ohio
Debbie Newcome	Cuyahoga Falls City Schools		
Scot Amos	Green Local Schools		
Paul Sellman	Kent City Schools		
Denny Myers	Manchester Local Schools		
Jennifer Milnes	Maplewood Career Center		
Denise Valerio	Medina County ESC		
Anthony Luscre	Mogadore Local Schools		
Mike Daugherty	Nordonia Hills City Schools		
Angie Wagler	Norton City Schools		
Ben Moore	Portage Lakes Career Center		
Ryan Lekan	Revere Local Schools		
Brian Campbell	Richmond Heights Local Schools		
Brad Croskey	Tallmadge City Schools		
Marilyn Croskey	Springfield Local Schools		
Rich Ott	St. Sebastian		
Matt McGing	Twinsburg City Schools		
Eric Unangst	Woodridge Local Schools		

**Items Discussed**

**Technology Advisory Committee Minutes**

The February 12, 2009 minutes were reviewed and are available on the NEOnet website.

**NEOnet Network Update**

- **SSH** – The migration to SSH was cut over on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. When users login in on the web they will see two connection choices for both PC and MAC.



You have been authorized to access the following sessions:



- **Email Archiving** -NEOnet has officially obtained board approval at the March meeting to purchase the Barracuda email archiving appliance and start offering the new Email Archiving service. Recent advancements in the Barracuda firmware have made it possible to archive multiple GroupWise servers without any third party add-ons. This has been implemented and tested in two NEOnet districts running GroupWise servers with good results. The NEOnet email archiving service will be available to all districts running Exchange, GroupWise, or any email server supporting a journaling

feature for a cost of 2800 dollars per year for unlimited email accounts starting in July 2009. If you are interested in starting the service this in March or April the fees will be prorated.

- **Exchange 2007** - The long awaited migration to Exchange 2007 is finally upon us. Due to the relationship with the NEOnet IP Telephony hosted service and our Exchange hosted service, we had to carefully coordinate the upgrade to both systems at the same time. We are consulting with MCPC to upgrade the voicemail system starting the week of March 16th 2009. Tim Tracy has been working to perfect the NEOnet Exchange 2007 environment as well as move all non VOIP exchange users to the new system prior to the 16th. The majority of the voicemail system work will be complete without impact to our service throughout the week of the 16th. The weekend of the 21st and 22nd, all remaining Exchange users will be moved to the new platform. The new exchange platform provide some new features:
  - Major enhancements to Outlook Web Access for non IE browsers
  - District specific address books
  - Outlook auto configuration
  - Resource accounts
- **Contact Database** – NEOnet will hire a developer to create a consortium wide database with both admin and user interface.
- **District Proxy** – Cyrus created a package based on openSuse that enables tracking of Internet activities of users in a district. This is free product to the NEOnet districts. Please contact if Cyrus Elder at 33.926.3900 x601116 or email [elder@neonet.org](mailto:elder@neonet.org) if your district is interested.
- **IP Phone System Moves/Adds/Changes** - Support from NEC has officially ended and NEOnet will now be doing any adds, moves and changes regarding the phone system until the iManage delegated administration tool is ready. The iManage delegated administration tool, developed by Arcana, is currently being piloted by Cuyahoga Falls City Schools. The pilot is progressing a little slower than expected due to some enhancement requests required early on, but it going very well over all. The user interface is proving to be very intuitive and each time a new bug is reported or an enhancement is needed, Arcana have been quick to respond. After the next release, which will accommodate for the last list of major enhancements requested by NEOnet, the tool should be ready for deployment to all existing IP telephony customers. The next release is slated for delivery to NEOnet by March 11th 2009.

**E-Waste Recycling** – A handout was given describing the services of, Possitivity Green, which provides in the disposal of e-waste. Many items are easily disposed of with no cost to the district. During the month of March:

E-waste a local electronics recycler will pick up and recycle your schools old unwanted computer for FREE in March....

**DISPOSE OF THOSE UNUSED, UNWANTED COMPUTER MONITORS TAKING UP VALUABLE SPACE**  
**E-WASTE, LLC WILL PICK UP THE MONITORS AT YOUR LOCATION FREE OF CHARGE**  
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**EMIS – R Project** - In order to prepare for EMIS Redesign (EMIS-R) initiative, NEOnet is offering a group training session with Nancy Haefeli from the Ohio Department of Education. The intended audience is for those who interact with EMIS Reporting activities. It is IMPORTANT that your district is represented at this meeting.

**When:** Thursday, March 19, 2009  
**Time:** 9:00 -11:00  
**Where:** Room 17 of the Summit County Educational Service Center.

For reservations, please contact Mary Dolis by March 16th at 330-926-3900 x601102 or email [dolis@neonet.org](mailto:dolis@neonet.org) if you plan on attending. See the handout or NEOnet website for more information on the hands on training.

**HB # 4** – The purpose of the bill is to establish an interactive distance learning project which would provide two advanced placement courses and one foreign language course to all high schools operated by a district. A handout of the bill was given.

**Cisco Group Purchase** – A list of equipment will be sent out to the districts for the Spring CISCO group purchase spreadsheet for your review. If your district wishes to participate in the CISCO group purchase, please send Matt Gdovin the list of products you wish to purchase as well as a purchase order by the end of business on Friday, March 27, 2009. The next Cisco Group Purchase will be in July.

**IP Video Surveillance and IPIX** – A demonstration was given by Cisco of their technology developed after 911 to coordinate communication with Police, Fire and Government in case of emergencies as well as their video surveillance products.

**AT & T Contact Information** – A list of contacts was given out.

**Learning Conference** – The Learning Conference has been postponed until next year.

**Richard Kevern, e-Tech Ohio** – a number of items was addressed by Richard at the meeting including the following:

- When filing the 471 there is no deadline stated for item 21. Richard advised this should be in as soon as possible. Upon review, if item 21 is not completed the 471 application will go back on the bottom.
- All districts should have completed their Technology Plan and sent to Richard sometime in April and should include these five elements:
  - Clear Goals and Realistic Strategies
  - Professional Development
  - Resources
  - Evaluation
  - Budget
- If anyone in your district would like to view the e-tech conference notes, they will need a Hall Pass created.

### **Next Technology Meeting**

The next Technology Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2009 Tallmadge High School at 9:00 a.m. Additional details including directions and agenda will be sent out later

The May Technology Advisory Committee has been moved to May 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 12 of the Summit County ESC. Don't Forget, there will be a roundtable discussion with the Curriculum Directors immediately following the May 21, 2009 Advisory meeting. NEOnet will be providing lunch. Please send discussion topics for the Curriculum Directors roundtable discussion and please encourage your Curriculum Directors to attend this meeting.