

Technology Directors Meeting Park School (Library) March 16, 2015 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Agenda

In attendance: Jeff Poblocki (Gow), Lisa Fritz (Cardinal O'Hara), Michael Sullivan (Nichols), Bill Rider (Park), Mark Niedziela (SFHS), Mike Bistoff (Mt. Mercy), Anthony Mareno (St. Mary's HS), Bob Ehlenfield (SJCI), Steve Koniarczyk (SJCI), Chris Acker (Timon), Chris Poole (SHA), Terri Mogan (MSM), Eric Yarwood (EdCoWNY)

- 1. Eric began the meeting by thanking Bill for hosting at Park. We then all introduced ourselves by going around the table, stating our name and school that we work for.
- 2. Eric then gave a brief overview explaining the name change from BISSNET to EdCo Collaborative Groups Format. He described the formation of new groups and how they are coming together to promote collaboration within and eventually between them. There was also a discussion of each group having a chair and co-chair with the responsibility of organizing future meetings, creating agendas, minutes and attending an All Chairs meeting twice a school year.
- 3. Eric solicited a discussion on how this group should go about electing a chair and co-chair for the group and deciding on goals/ purpose for the group. He suggested that the Librarians decided to have two chairs instead of a chair/ co-chair model. He also suggested that possible goals could include consortium purchasing, best practices in IT, etc.
- 4. The conversation began with Michael S. suggesting that the group could continue to serve as a place to discuss and collaborate perhaps on more specific topics. Terri asked if this group would focus on tech usage/ integration. Eric responded that another group is forming to tackle the technology integration issues and that this group might want to stay with IT issues. Others chimed in on the conversation and suggested that we focus on consortium pricing, policies surrounding technology, web filtering, etc.

- Eric suggested that we could continue to discuss the groups purpose beyond this meeting, but it would be helpful to choose a chair/ co-chair for the group today. Bill R. and Bob E. volunteered to share the responsibilities as chair moving forward.
- 6. Additional discussion about web filtering and specifically the BISSNET contract with Websense came up. Eric explained that the contract officially ends on 12.13.15 and that we could explore options such as LightSpeed moving forward. Chris described his experience with Lightspeed as the one he disliked the least. Other conversations about Barracuda came up on how it works in various schools.
- 7. Michael S. suggested that a one- two day session towards the end of the school year might be appropriate, where everyone would have a chance to talk about certain topics.
- 8. Eric adjourned the meeting at 10:08 and thanked everyone for attending and also Park for hosting.