

ACTEM Minutes January 2008

Meeting opened by president, Vince Vanier, at Augusta Cross Building with remote sites at Presque Isle, Bonny Eagle and Yarmouth

Introductions followed by:

1. Acceptance of Sept.. 17, 2007 minutes – moved Dennis Crowe, Second John Brandt passed
2. MEDMS update – Bill Hurwitch; DOE is close to final contract with Infinite Campus for state edition. The project will begin with students while leaving staff module as is for next year. Kickoff meeting for adoption of full standard district edition with one year of data conversion is to be held this week. Districts with 3000 or more students will get a local server delivered by Infinite Campus at no district cost with option for smaller districts to also obtain a server at difference of \$1 / student (paid by state) and the Infinite Campus cost. Bill will be talking to Superintendents and has demos scheduled: 13th in Ellsworth, 14th UTC in Bangor, and tentative 12th in Washington Co. Contact your Superintendent for further information. If you are interested in moving to Infinite Campus, email Bill to be placed on the list.

MEDMS other info: S

- Still dealing with some special education students
 - Developing an RFP for transportation now
 - Talk about a facilities management RFP – just discussion stage
 - Financial system is up and working
 - ESP solutions group was awarded Data Dictionary project for DOE.
3. DOE update – Jeff Mao; MLTI next year's images will move to Leopard. He will be looking for some “testers” in the near future. Primary difference between MS and HS are software
Piloting iTunesU with other states to provide public K12 content and information. Question – does ACTEM want to become a provider for the k12 schools? To see how it works, check out Un of Southern Florida at iTuneU > Beyond Campus HS student deployment – nothing has changed. The budget has not even been released from the budget office.
 4. eRate – Sylvia Norton; info on <http://www.maine.gov/msl/erate> they now have an eRate listserv available there. 470 deadline is Jan. 10th and Feb 7th is 471 deadline; ATM information on the website;
 5. Conference – Gary Lanoie presented details, <http://actem.org> under Conferences. Survey results showed that 97.8% will attend or recommend next year. 326 survey responses (40% were teachers) The only issue was wireless network. -- ACTEM purchased 25 access points for discount on connectivity in the next two years. CBE is now supporting the Civic Center wireless network. Best reviews: Keynote, variety, networking. Needs Improvements: more seating, network, some duplicate sessions, online handouts, expansion to 2 days, shorter lunch lines. Next years dates are Oct. 16 -17th , 2008.

Questions:

Is there anyway to continue the sessions through the year?

Can we have students podcast / video sessions?

6. Conference Coordinator position for 2008 – Crystal Priest nominated Gary Lanoie, Trey B. seconded passed
7. NEISTE – Regional ISTE affiliate – Dennis Crowe; AT the last meeting the bylaws were discussed and President and Vice President (Vince Vanier) elected. Each of 7 affiliates gets 2 representatives to meetings. Affiliates pay \$250 / year for membership which covers NECC reception etc. Some plans from this groups: Group buying; shared Professional Development
Next meeting in Kennebunkport, March 14-15th email Craig D. if interested.
8. Expanding our meeting audience Vince introduced Jeff Mann from CBE; He distributed Russ Grant info. (Rural Utility Service) for IP based video conferencing equipment. Proposing ACTEM act as Fiscal Agent for a grant application to expand this program to include bridging across schools.
Vince took a straw poll on ACTEM participating – passed and they will pursue.
9. NING – Sharon Betts; The Social Network expansion of ACTEM listserv now has 121 members, There are extended discussions <http://actemshare.ning.com>
Members are encouraged to join and participate.
10. Noteshare and SEED packets – Crystal Priest; all packets will be posted on the website. Great collection of information starting to accumulate. Contact Crystal for a space or further information. To run your own Noteshare server, contact Doug Snow at Apple and you will get a license when you go real.
<http://noteshare.actem.org>
11. ACTEM Bylaws – Vince Vanier led a discussion. Results will be presented at March meeting
12. Professional Development – Dennis Kunces; Paid \$4308; \$2000 encumbered
ACTEM supported Course: First Class Designer in conjunction with Kannon Communication to be held Jan. 18th at Cross Building
Question was posed: Can we have a central calendar of Professional Development? – It was mentioned that DOE has a PD calendar now
Submit ideas for more Professional. Development. to Vince.
13. Regionalization issues as applying to technology – Allan Curtis facilitating for the DOE; The committee goal is to produce a guide for RSUs and RPCs to help them with their technology move into a regionalized entity. First meeting Jan. 18th. A Google Group will be setup for input from the group.
14. Business Manager Report – Entire report is posted on <http://actem.org> We are on track for year.
Software items: Noteshare server for about 36 users and Noteseats
Parallels now available to all of NE
Quickbooks – now available
Sophos – minimum order is 50, but submit any amount to Craig
Adobe is closed until next week due to University break.
MS Office 2008 for MAC – released next week; no media before end of Feb.
Apple – selling Leopard at \$49;
FirstClass – using all of NE now through June 15th – staff license \$13.68 –
Maintenance is based on purchase price

Crystal Priest moved to adjourn / second by Allan Curtis Passed

Business Report:

Membership: ACTEM has a record 797 members compared to 289 at the January 2006 meeting. There are 152 district members.

Finances: For the first six months of the current fiscal year ACTEM showed a profit of just under \$40,000, which Craig described as more "typical" of what ACTEM business should reflect compared with a loss of \$19,000 two years ago and a profit of \$113,000 last year. Increased conference revenues indicate a larger audience being touched by the conference. The software business generated sales of over \$750,000 in the first six months. Accounts receivables are up but should be reduced by the end of January. Balance Sheet and P/L reports are posted on the website.

Software:

NoteShare Server is available through ACTEM and ACTEM is allowed to offer NoteShare to our NEISTE partner states.

Parallels promotion of \$43.50 per seat ends Friday, January 11. We also offer Parallels to NEISTE.

QuickBooks 2008 educational lab packs for Windows are now available.

Sophos promotion through March offers additional 3/6/9 months for purchases of 1/2/3 years.

Adobe orders will resume week of Jan.14. Those receiving upgrade media directly from Adobe need to call Craig for serial numbers.

Microsoft Office 2008 Mac will release week of Jan 14 but Craig may not have academic media until late February.

Apple no longer offers level 100 pricing for ACTEM orders of 10-99. Craig is purchasing Leopard licenses 100 at a time and selling them at the \$49 price we purchase them for.

FirstClass Special promotion will run January 15-June 16 with ACTEM receiving 30,000-tier pricing. Details will be on the website January 15. Schools will need to get a quote from a dealer and orders may be placed at any time. July 1 P.O.s accepted. Servers covered this year but not training, which must be contracted directly with a dealer. Schools have the option of purchasing 1-4 additional years of maintenance with new licenses.

Newsletter deadline for March edition is February 15. Please send any summer training opportunities to Craig for inclusion.

Craig Dickinson

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