



ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

January 27, 2009 – 9 am

MINUTES - Draft

Present:

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ASHTABULA CITY – Marianne Hornbeck
ASHTABULA JVSD – Kere Vsperski
AURORA CITY – Dennis Alexander
BEACHWOOD CITY – Michele Soeder
BEDFORD – L. O'Neill
BEREA – Gayle Schmuhl
BRECKSVILLE/BROADVIEW – Michele Gregg
BUCKEYE (Medina) – Deb Muccio
CHAGRIN FALLS – Lori Guerrini
CLEVELAND – Anita Chancellor
CLEVELAND HTS. – Kathy Lawrence
EUCLID – Paul Burkhart, Vanessa DeCapite, Ted Lysiak
FAIRVIEW PARK – Mark Kostur
FIRELANDS LOCAL – Cathy Ruple
GENEVA CITY – Barbara Roth
INDEPENDENCE LOCAL – Laura Janosek
KIRTLAND – Scott Greenlee
LAKEWOOD CITY – Bonnie Twitchell
MAYFIELD – Gary Ritchie
NORDONIA HILLS – Diane Dillon
NORTH OLMSTED – Barb Azzardi, Doug Sebring
NORTH RIDGEVILLE – Beth Gee
PAINESVILLE – James Davies
REVERE LOCAL – Ryan Lekan, Anne Coughlin
SHAKER HEIGHTS – Kathy Frederick
WARRENSVILLE HTS. – Robert Zellers

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

THE INTERGENERATIONAL SCHOOL – Janelle Horton

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS

MEDINA COUNTY – Denise Valerio, Gerri Edwards

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BEAUMONT SCHOOL – Marie Engstrom
BENEDICTINE – Richard Salem
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL EAST – Dennis Stanfield

MONARCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN &

ADOLESCENTS WITH AUTISM – Jeff Richards
OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION – Dolores Bruno
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – Laura Crabb
ROYAL REDEEMER LUTHERAN – Mary Stuckert
ST. ANSELM – Kerry Kawa
ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY – Jeff Ahrendt
STS. MARY MAGDALEN & JUSTIN MARTYR – Barbara Taraska

OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND GUESTS

Laurie Heikkla, Lori Slingerland – LNOCA

Attended by Videoconference:

LORAIN COUNTY ESC:

AVON – Karen Huddle
AVON LAKE – Greg Arebaugh
CLEARVIEW – Deby Cokain
COLUMBIA – Regina Wolfe
ELYRIA – Gail Haywood
KEYSTONE – Darryl Graves
LAKE RIDGE ACADEMY – Jutta Swoboda
LORAIN COUNTY JVSD – Liz Toth
NORT2H – Paul Hieronymus
OLMSTED FALLS – Monica Annable

LAKE-GAUGA COMPUTER ASSOCIATION (LGCA):

AUBURN CC – Jeff Butler
BERKSHIRE – Jackie Arnold
CHARDON LOCAL – Linda Ross
KENSTON – Sue Subel
LAKE ESC – Rich Benz
MADISON – Kathy Jackson
PERRY – Jodi Rzeszotarski
WEST GAUGA – Linda Weiner
LGCA – Barb Reynolds, John Greaves

TRI-COUNTY:

ASHLAND COUNTY-WEST HOLMES CC – John Davis
BLACK RIVER – Kathy Kibler
LOUDONVILLE-PERRYSVILLE – Mary Ann Post
TRI-COUNTY ESC – Deb Stoler

John Ramicone, Distance Learning Director, welcomed everyone and introduced **Dennis Alexander, Chairman of the Steering Committee**. Dennis entertained a motion to accept the November 18, 2008 minutes. The motion was carried and adopted by the Advisory Council. Dennis noted that today's Program of the Day will be about Podcasting and presented by Ted Lysiak, Distinguished Apple Educator and Director of Technology at Euclid City Schools.

Rita Bigham, PreK-12 Staff Development Director, announced that a Looking for Lincoln Institute will be held at ideastream on January 28, free of charge to local educators. Nationally known Lincoln experts, an actor portraying Lincoln and a preview of the PBS program, *Looking for Lincoln* will be featured. A continental breakfast, lunch and parking will also be provided free of charge. Additionally, there will be door prizes. Rita also noted that WVIZ/PBS ideastream representative Nick Carpas is available to visit your district or school to discuss your technology needs.

John Ramicone, Distance Learning Director, announced upcoming distance learning opportunities and noted the themes of the Career Exploration Series sessions for 2009 are science, technology, engineering and construction. Contact John at 216-916-6360 or John.Ramicone@ideastream.org for more information. John also mentioned the advantages of NOTA membership, including Chinese I and II courses.

Eric Siler, Workshop Coordinator, encouraged Advisory Council Representatives to remain and attend one of the mid-day workshops: Telling Stories with Podcasts and Flip 1, 2, 3 Camcorder. The Student Response System and Elmo Document Camera workshops are growing in popularity. Eric noted upcoming Digital Camera workshops will feature tours of PlayhouseSquare theatres and will be held March 28 and April 4, 2009. Graduate credit is available from Ashland University or the University of Akron. Eric also noted that WVIZ/PBS ideastream's Educational Services is available to provide technology workshops for your school's professional days.

Courtney Muzzio, Early Childhood Outreach Coordinator, announced new technology workshops are set to begin February 7 for PreK-2 teachers. Five workshops will be offered with an option for graduate credit. Those interested may register online at www.wviz.org/education. Additionally, two Universal Pre-Kindergarten family child care homes are featured on WVIZ/PBS ideastream's website at www.wviz.org/aplaceofourown.

Sasha Thackaberry, Online Learning Coordinator, announced upcoming PBS TeacherLine courses and new opportunities for Online Book Discussion Groups, including titles *Odd Girl Out* by Rachel Simmons, *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James Loewen, *Boys Adrift* by Leonard Sax, *Powerful Times* by Eamonn Kelly, and *Gender Matters* by Leonard Sax. The online platform of Moodle was addressed, and how it can be a powerful mechanism for delivering customized professional development opportunities to districts. .

Jean O'Malley, Educational Services Programming Coordinator, reminded everyone to sign up on Educational Services' website to receive electronic *Connections* newsletters each month. Jean also noted that the 15th Annual Reading Rainbow Contest is underway. Entry forms and rules are available at www.wviz.org/rr. Jean handed out a two-page list of evening programming for February and March, 2009. The Electric Company is back with entirely new shows and an exciting website (www.pbskids.org/electriccompany). The programs are designed to help kids ages six to nine years old with reading. The Electric Company airs on WVIZ/PBS every Friday at 5pm.

Ted Lysiak, Distinguished Apple Educator and Director of Technology for Euclid City Schools, presented the Program of the Day on podcasting.

At 11:30 a.m., the meeting adjourned.