



ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2009 – 9 am

MINUTES

Present:

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ASHTABULA CITY – Marianne Hornbeck
ASHTABULA JVSD – Karen Usperski
AURORA CITY – Dennis Alexander
AVON LAKE – Greg Arebaugh
BEACHWOOD CITY – Jen Flaherty
BEDFORD CITY – Lea Travis
BEREA CITY SCHOOLS – Gayle Schmuhl
BRECKSVILLE/BROADVIEW – Carla Calevich
BUCKEYE (Medina) – Deb Muccio, Erin Darr
CHAGRIN FALLS – Lori Guerrini
CHARDON – Linda Ross
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SD – Anita Chancellor
CLEVELAND HTS. – Kathy Lawrence
EUCLID – Ted Lysiak
FIRELANDS LOCAL – Cathy Ruple
GENEVA CITY – Barbara Roth
KIRTLAND – Scott Greenlee
LAKESWOOD CITY SD – James Marras
MADISON – Matthew Smith
MAYFIELD – Debbie Booth, John Rizzo
MENTOR – Lisa Ford, Jeremy Shorr
NORTH OLMSTED – Priscilla Sprano Wiles, Doug Sebring
NORTH RIDGEVILLE – Beth Gee
NORTH ROYALTON – Deb Vasenda
OHIO DEPT. OF YOUTH SERV. – John Siff
ORANGE – Jennette Kane, Mary Ann Guidos
PARMA CITY – S. Jones, J. Goldberg, D. Kennedy
ROCKY RIVER – Yvonne Morbitzer
SHAKER HEIGHTS – Walter Boswell
SHEFFIELD/SHEFFIELD LAKE – Linda Bertsch Uveges
WESTLAKE – Jacy Nichols

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS

CUYAHOGA COUNTY – Wayne Gibson
MEDINA COUNTY – Gerri Edwards, Denise Valerio

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BEAUMONT SCHOOL – Marie Engstrom
BENEDICTINE – Richard Salem

LUTHERAN HS WEST – Abby Fenske
MONARCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS WITH AUTISM – Jeff Richards
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY – Megan Fowler
OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION – Dolores Bruno
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – Laura Crabb
ROYAL REDEEMER LUTHERAN – Scott Nagy
ST. ANSELM – Kerry Kawa
ST. BRIDGET ELEMENTARY – Amanda Basich
ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY – Connie Pekar
ST. MARY VERMILION – Nathan Purcell
STS. MARY MAGDALEN & JUSTIN MARTYR – Barbara Taraska
VILLA ANGELA/ST. JOSEPH – Steve Wallace

Attended by Videoconference:

LORAIN COUNTY ESC:

AVON – Karen Huddle
CLEARVIEW – Deby Cokain
COLUMBIA – Regina Wolfe
ELYRIA – Gail Haywood
KEYSTONE – Lynn Gagnon
LORAIN COUNTY JVSD – Elizabeth Toth
MIDVIEW – Leslie Rowe
OLMSTED FALLS – Joan Schlitter
STRONGSVILLE – Laurie Switzer

LAKE-GAUGA COMPUTER ASSOCIATION (LGCA):

AUBURN CAREER CENTER – Jeff Butler
BERKSHIRE – Jackie Arnold
PAINESVILLE CITY – Debra Sarosy, Joyce Dougherty
PERRY – Jodi Rzeszotarski
WEST GAUGA – Linda Weiner
LGCA – John Greaves, Barb Reynolds

TRI-COUNTY:

ASHLAND COUNTY-WEST HOLMES CC – John Davis
BLACK RIVER LOCAL – Kathryn Kibler
LOUDONVILLE/PERRYSVILLE – Mary Ann Post
TRI-COUNTY ESC – Jamie Imhoff, Rich Thomas

Rita Bigham, PreK-12 Staff Development Director, welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Cathy Ruple.

Cathy Ruple, Steering Committee Chair, entertained a motion to approve the September 15 minutes. The minutes were approved. Cathy presented Dennis Alexander a clock in appreciation for his years of service to the Advisory Council.

Doug Sebring, Steering Committee member, presented an “info byte” about web-based storage and file sharing that can be found on the following sites: <http://www.yousendit.com>, <http://www.dropbox.com>, and <http://www.4shared.com>

Rita noted there would be a Design Squad event and open house this upcoming weekend at the Great Lakes Science Center aimed at middle school students and asked the Advisory Council representatives to get the word out to teachers. Additionally, in the spring, there will be a robotics competition with a monetary prize award in honor of Ed Campbell, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of WVIZ/PBS and 90.3 WCPN ideastream. Rita also mentioned that details and free resources about the Nature Club can be found on the Educational Services website. Rita then introduced Nick Carpas, representative of Educational Services. Nick explained the services he provides to area schools.

Rita introduced **Laureen Ferry, Interim Online Learning Coordinator**. Laureen noted the upcoming online courses, book discussion groups and equipment courses.

Jean O'Malley, Educational Services Programming Coordinator, presented information about distance learning.

Eric Siler, Workshop Coordinator, talked about Mimio, AverVision Document Camera, Elmo Document Camera, and SMART Airliner Slate workshops. The Mimio is an alternative to a SMART Board as it presents an inexpensive interactive work service. It is light weight and can convert a standard whiteboard into an interactive whiteboard.

The AverVision Document Camera and Elmo Document Camera both provide quality overhead digital image technology. The Elmo is the more familiar name, however, the AverVision provides picture-in-picture and split screen images.

The SMART Airliner Slate allows you to control applications wirelessly as whatever you write on the slate appears on the SMART Board. This is an excellent tool for students that are less mobile and for providing students with multiple opportunities display their knowledge on a SMART Board in front of the entire class.

Finally, the council was encouraged to sign up for workshops since the school year is moving along quickly.

Jean O'Malley presented information about The Human Spark, a series of three programs on January 6, 13 and 20 about where we come from and what makes us human. Additionally, there is an extensive website being put together with the Great Lakes Science Center (<http://www.wviz.org/education/spark>). Jean showed a clip from the website “Searching for Life in the Great Smoky Mountains” (<http://www.smokymountainseft.org/>) targeted at 5th-8th grade students. Originally a live field trip, the website has modules for teachers and videos and games for students.

Eric Johnson presented the program of the day on issues and perils associated with Facebook and other social networking applications, electronic student publications, and current legal issues related to educational computing for students, teachers and other employees.

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