

MINUTES
OF THE
MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

The Technology Committee met on Monday, September 29, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Decker, Piet Lammert, Todd Livingston, Susan Robbins, Kelley Weiss, and Megan Welter.

MEMBER ABSENT: Melanie Chasse.

LIAISONS PRESENT: John Bernard and Dennis Crowe.

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Burnham, Holly Couturier, and Patty Newman.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Welter called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was MOVED (Decker), SECONDED (Livingston), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the minutes of March 19, 2014. It was MOVED (Lammert), SECONDED (Decker), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the minutes of April 29, 2014. It was then MOVED (Lammert), SECONDED (Decker), and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014.

IT REPORT: Patty Newman reported that the association recently purchased an Apple TV device and has used it at several committee meetings. Mike Burnham reported that information has been sent to Scholastic Tools to review the possibility of creating an online pool of certified tournament officials to assist schools in completing their recommended officials forms for each sport.

BEGIN FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY PLAN: Chair Welter provided background information on the work of the Technology Committee to date as well as the results of the membership survey concerning technology. She welcomed Holly Courturier and asked that she share her ideas with the committee concerning ways to offer professional development by using technology to meet the changing needs of the membership. Holly Courturier reported that she foresees offering online regional meetings, offering online book-based professional development on a common topic over a period of two to three months, and possibly holding a webinar around the topic of Teaching with Poverty in Mind. She reported that she has experience in offering online opportunities using Coresight, a free online tool which allows unlimited participants.

The committee then discussed whether the time has come to examine the delivery for coaches' meetings.

Committee member Kelley Weiss reported that she will provide a report and recommend to the Board of Directors at its next meeting that the association develop a Twitter presence.

Chair Welter then reviewed the draft technology plan and priorities. Following discussion of the overarching technology goals for both sides of the organization, it was agreed that the committee would split into two ad hoc committees; interscholastic and professional. The committee agreed that the ad hoc committees would review its portions of the website, review social media, and review content. It was also agreed that the committee would reconvene in January prepared to report out where we are, what do we want, and what do we need to get there, with the goal of developing the framework for the implementation of a technology plan as well as to create a timeline to report out at the spring conference in March.

OTHER: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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