Approved Minutes of Beaver Island
Telecommunication Advisory Committee Meeting
Peaine and St James Township, Beaver Island
Beaver Island Community School | Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4 PM

Present
Kevin Boyle, Kathleen McNamara, Theresa McDonough, Neal Green, Gary Conant, Wil Cwikiel, Dick Mulvihill and Paul Cole

Absent
Paul Welke

Audience
Jim Flanagan

Call to order at 4:05 pm

Update from McNamara. The Quickstart program has been approved by the St. James Township board and the Peaine Township board. There is much interest in IP Telephony and the benefits it could bring to the townships.

Kevin Boyle stated that this would be a working meeting and shared the PowerPoint presentation on the Pools of Service.

The committee reviewed and discussed changes and clarifications to be made on each slide.

Shared thoughts:
TDS, GLE, TrueStream – define internet speed (viewed "worksheet" that shows speeds necessary to stream, play music, do emails, etc.)
What is the recommended bandwidth for students nationwide?
Slide 3 – insert examples
Define "short term". Add dates and provide timeline.
Timeline could be:
   1- Education, understanding project
   2- Decision made at joint board meeting in September
   3- Vote at October meeting
   4- All other entities could vote on their commitment during their October meetings (and have approved by Nov. 1)
   5- Order equipment
   6- Winter install, hang dish?
Need a list of entities that could be interested and would attend joint meeting
Need to know if there are enough participants to move forward

Kevin will update power point spreadsheet and create timeline.
Paul Cole spoke about contacting Aranmore to understand their "hub" service.

Dick will provide bandwidth capacity.
Kitty will look for work sheet to show the Internet Speed Defined sheet.

Discussion followed about creating a Consortium or having contractual user agreements developed. Who would buy equipment? Who is equipment owned by? Who is responsible if equipment goes down? Who collects money? These items will be reviewed so that there are answers for community and meeting.

Kitty will look into Special Joint Meeting of Board with presentation at Peaine Township. Possible dates of Sept. 25 or Sept. 26.

Adjourned 5:35 pm

<u>Next Regular Meeting Date</u>
The next BITAC Meeting will be a Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Beaver Island Community School conference room.