

## Home Base External Stakeholder Committee Notes

Date and Time: February. 27, 2014

Location: NCDPI Building, 301 N. Wilmington St., Room 504, Raleigh NC

**In-person Attendees:** Adam Levinson, Ben Comer, Robin McCoy, Rosalyn Galloway, Sarah McManus, Vanessa Jeter, Cynthia Crowdus, Kayla Siler, Lynne Johnson, Nick Goettsch, Joan Cooney

**Attending via webinar:** Aaron Fleming, Don Phipps, Elizabeth Grovenstein, Mark Wiles, Matthew Etherington, Rebecca Reagan, Darrin Hartness

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### **Adam Levinson:**

Welcomed committee and reviewed agenda

### **Ben Comer and Cynthia Crowdus:**

Provided updates on Schoolnet. Comer discussed the upcoming 15.4 Release, and Crowdus provided information about the Schoolnet training sites

### **Sarah McManus:**

Provided updates on Instructional Content / Learning Object Repository (LOR) as well as the rollout status of OpenClass

### **Lynne Johnson:**

Provided Truenorthlogic updates regarding the PD system rollout

### **Rosalyn Galloway:**

Provided PowerSchool updates on transcripts, course codes and athletic eligibility

### **Ben Comer:**

Provided Identity Access Management (IAM) updates

### **Adam Levinson:**

Discussed opt in process and timelines to opt in to use all of Home Base. Addressed LEA requests for more time to explore optional components. The deadline is July 15, 2014.

## **Updates and Feedback from Committee Members**

### **Matthew Etherington:**

- ❖ Woods Charter has a preregistering issue. They have been told that they cannot preregister students but being able to do that would be really beneficial, specifically for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade charter school. Up to 25% of the incoming students are 9<sup>th</sup> graders. **Rosalyn Galloway will take the question and get back to Matthew Etherington.**
- ❖ For IAM, they are on the pilot project. They've changed their teacher logins to be alpha not numeric. This might be problematic.

- ❖ Ben Comer: The user ID convention is 4 letters and 4 numbers for IAM.
- ❖ Etherington asked whether there is a way for volunteers to access PowerSchool for PowerLunch so that they can log that a student has received a lunch. Would they be able to see any financial information if so? Rosalyn talked to child nutrition department about this issue. The answer depends on the federal programs the LEA participates in and guidelines determined by them.
- ❖ **Action Item: Rosalyn Galloway will follow up with the ticket logged by Woods Charter.**
- ❖ Etherington: There is still a long wait on PowerSchool tickets.

**Aaron Fleming:**

- ❖ Are the CTE Concentrators field active and working on transcripts? Is work being done on them to determine the concentrators?
- ❖ **Action Item: Rosalyn Galloway will check with Rhonda Welfare and follow up.**

**Don Phipps:**

- ❖ Asked whether a baseball coach would be able to see players and their progress. Rosalyn Galloway replied that that capability is in athletic eligibility module coming out end of March. Phipps indicated that Beaufort would be glad to help with that work.
- ❖ Asked about attendance call through Blackboard Connect. Rosalyn Galloway responded that the new release will address manual extract and manual upload or if an LEA has a script with autodialer then that should work.

**Darrin Hartness:**

- ❖ Asked about grad plans, specifically if there is any way to bring that to the forefront to ensure that students are ready to graduate. His staff are very appreciative of PMs being available. He indicated that Schoolnet has been improving and that, while there is still a lot of work, progress is being made. He has concerns with GPA and class rank.
- ❖ Rosalyn Galloway indicated that her team is making final tweaks to transcripts. The PowerSchool team is continuing to make progress and putting together documentation on transcripts.
- ❖ **Action item: Rosalyn Galloway will get links to these documents and send them out so that LEAs can access them.**
- ❖ Darrin Hartness also asked about contacts screens. Rosalyn Galloway replied that a blackbox fix should address the issue of contacts information not being seen by teachers.

**Next Steps:**

**Plan the next meeting around testing season and hold in early April.**