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Spring Tri-Valley Distance Education Meeting

Proposed Site: UNK Communications Center (UNK would be able to connect us with different individuals who might present. An earlier meeting was held at UNK but mostly principals were in attendance.)
Date: May 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 26, or 27. -
Time: 9-12 or 1-4 One half day meeting

Agenda Items:

- CCC request to join TVDEC. CCC will be taking over the UNK technology at College Park.
- Conversion proposal
  - Proposal options
    - SNDLC-DFS/Charter: The SNDLC has additional funds from a Connections Grant they wrote. The grant provides for technology upgrades. They have offered the remaining funds they have in their account toward a Tri-Valley south conversion. The conversion cost per site is $12,000 and SNDLC has funds that would pay $9,000 per site. Each site would be charged $3,000 for the conversion.DFS/Charter would not raise the monthly rate ($750 to $1,570) until the year 2004-05. The contract service would begin in 2003-04 and the contract (4/4/2) would begin in 2004-05.
      - Comparisons of upfront cost ($3,000) to a one year no change in monthly fees:
        - Yearly rate at $750 per month * 12 months * 40% (60% average for erate allowance) = $3,600 yearly cost.
        - Yearly rate at $1,570 per month * 12 months * 40% (60% average for erate allowance) = $7,536 yearly cost.
        - Savings from year one difference in monthly fees - $7,536 - $3,600 = $3,936.
        - Upfront charge $3,000
    - UNK Grant: UNK is currently writing a grant to convert Tri-Valley south and add polycoms to both Tri-Valley south and north. There would be no upfront fees and the monthly rates would increase from $750 to $1,570 per month. No guarantees.
    - Other Funds: ???? As both JPEG and analog are old technology systems, an upgrade will be needed. A statewide video workgroup is studying the need and process for conversion.
  - Proposal benefits (possible presenters)
    - Changing education platform - Woody Ziegler
    - Bandwidth/Internet - Ron Cone
    - Additional services
      - ESU and NDE Staff Development (ESU staff)
      - Enrichment - UNK, CCC, AHEC, MONA, Community (UNK)
      - Sharing courses (John S) Current course offerings
      - Improved network and connections - TVDEC and SNDLC
      - Polycoms adding flexibility for scheduling and location. (John H)
- Just compensation - Sending versus Receiving
  - Increase teacher and course offering pool
  - Provide a standard fee when crossing consortiums
  - Establish some type of just teacher compensation
- Officers 2003-04

- Annual Meeting Date?