

Magnolia Steering Committee

Meeting Notes

- Committee Members Present: Stephen Cunetto, Jeff Slagell, Mara Villa-Polk, Holly Gray, Janet Armour, Hulen Bivins, Otha Keys, Otha Keys, Elizabeth Simmons, Susan Bryant
- Stephen opened the meeting and apologized for Dean Coleman's absence.
- Members who were present introduced themselves.
- Minutes were reviewed and accepted.
- Stephen talked about the Magnolia website update. Has to be https compliant. This needs to be done by the start of the school year. In addition, EBSCO has put into place changing the passwords to the database. Issues fixed (public libraries couldn't log in...) and expiration has been changed to Dec 2019.
- Stephen asked how people are accessing Magnolia...through Magnolia web page or another method (EBSCO, etc). Hulen said it's about 70% Magnolia, 30% other means of access. Janet asked if we can link some PowerPoints, etc. (Yes we can)
- Hulen talked about AT&T and CSpire state ISP provider changing. AT&T challenged it in court and got a stay-went back to court. Judgement was for CSpire. CSpire is approximately 30%-40% less than AT&T. This is headed to the MS Supreme Court. We will continue with AT&T for another year. Once this change happens, IP addresses will change and this will involve Magnolia. Broadband will be a topic with the Legislature. Bivins believes that this will be an opportunity to discuss Magnolia with the Legislature.
- Janet discussed training. She spoke with Jim and he will begin working on this. Who do we need to get this training out to?? How much time is allowed for this? **(ACTION)**. Elizabeth said that we need .5 (5 hours) for teachers to receive CEU credit. Maybe 1-2 hours face to face and online follow-ups?? Janet would like to start this fall. How are we going to get the word out? Elizabeth spoke of PD calendar and a ListServ for teachers and administration. Hulen also said he has a ListServ as well that he can get word out.

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- LAMP locations: Oxford, Jackson, Hattiesburg, Coast (Sept 23-26, 2019). Stephen suggested Magnolia training to Elizabeth at LAMP this year. EBSCO trainers?
- Stephen talked about Public Libraries hosting a Magnolia Training Session. Mara asked what the perimeters were for hosting for teachers at the public libraries. (CEU credit). CEU's need to run through MLC for Public Libraries to offer credit.
- Stephen said that we need to create a template for what needs to be covered with Magnolia training (ACTION) no matter at what level (public, school, etc).
- Mara discussed Social Media. They are coming up with creative ways to engage Magnolia. Admins need to be added. Suggestions welcome! :-)
- Hulen discussed the legislative aspect of the budget and the process we went through during this legislative year. There is a lot of concern for next year because crops aren't getting planted....online sports betting...etc. The Legislators are hoping that 12 months of sports betting will offset and budget issues Magnolia receives one million for this year. Legislative days in January and March were effective and dates already set for 2020. Feb 5 (MLA) / March 10 (MLC). (ACTION).
- The Lottery starts in November. They are presently interviewing for positions in Jackson. This will bring in funding.
- Elizabeth discussed MDE budget. She asked where the invoice will originate. (MLC? EBSCO?) Word was received that there are budget cuts at MDE. We have \$75,000 instead of \$100,000. Still has to go to the Board for approval.
- Elizabeth said no PrepStep this year.
- Bivins said MLC picked up LearningExpress for Public Libraries. (This year only-)
- Elizabeth asked Mara if we could collaborate with Public Libraries to push Library cards in September. Mara spoke of collaborating with the schools in her area and saw an increase in library cards and usage.
- Hulen said that at some point in time that we need to get a group together to work with Bobby Morgan (Gov. Bryant's staff) to work with Adult Services (Linkdin). In his

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position, we might want to talk to him about Magnolia and since Linkdin never took off, they might have an extra 2 million to add to Magnolia.

- Stephen talked about budget. (See handout). He discussed asking for contributions. There is a 2% increase for EBSCO and a 3% increase for FirstSearch. He asked entities to work on getting contributions. Mara said that she doesn't mind sending out a call for funding-based on how valuable it is. Hulen said that questions will be asked when were databases reviewed/updated. Stephen said that we can pull numbers with this information. **(ACTION)**
- Elizabeth said that we need to look at what we have versus our needs/wants. Look at OpenEd resources as well.
- Jeff said to look at usage stats. Look at how much it will be used, etc. See how the core ones are being used. If they aren't being used, lets look at other resources. Elizabeth agreed.
- Stephen had a meeting with Kevin Leffew at EBSCO last week and Kevin said that they would certainly be interested in talking to us about repackaging. They do have flexibility.
- Mara asked if we could get corporate sponsors (CSpire, etc). Hulen said that we need to look at year of date when last revised.
- Elizabeth said the she can create a form to use in evaluating databases.
- Hulen asked Stephen if it is practical to review things before August or put it off over a year. Stephen said that we need to look at it over the course of the year.
- Janet suggested a ranking process.
- Stephen suggested getting committees together for reviewing databases. He suggested a October due date. **(ACTION)**.
- Stephen said that EBSCO asked if they could renegotiate and gave increases. (See e-mail)

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- Elizabeth said that there are several OpenEd resources that we can look at...Jim mentioned this at one time. Stephen said that we can add those to Magnolia during the rebuild this summer. (DEADLINE: July 1) **(ACTION)**

Submitted by Susan Bryant