

IASC Highlights for Individual School Boards for March 19, 2013

- Summer Technology Institute set for June 10 – 14 at RJEMS; focus “Educational Tools for 21st Century”. All tracks will reflect back on focus. Tracks for: teachers, technicians, secretaries, community. More information to follow.
- IASC Community Education developed VSEM that integrates & supports the IASC VSEM. CE VSEM includes 2013 and 2014.
- CTE (Career & Technical Education) instructors and math instructors are focusing on improving student math scores; a series of meetings are planned. The group is utilizing Perkins data to guide them.
- After hour telepresence use continues to expand for students & community. Sign up to use TP rooms day or evening at www.getlearning.org. Fee schedule posted on the web page. MnSCU, UofM & MIRC visited TP during past month.
- Invest Early requested an increase in sub pay and the establishment of a tiered system based on education & duties. Invest Early also entered into a contract with Kootasca allowing Kootasca to purchase substitute services from IE for all early childhood programs.
- A Blandin LightSpeed grant was awarded to IASC. The grant for \$50,000.00 will allow IASC to partner with MacPhail Center for Music, with locations in Mpls, Apple Valley & White Bear Lake, to provide music instruction/services via telepresence to regional organizations and/or schools.
- IASC has been named a 2013 Computerworld Honors Laureate. The 2013 Computerworld Honors Program recognizes those organizations which create and use information technology to promote and advance the public welfare, benefit society and change the world for the better. The Laureate award was established in 1988. There were over 700 nominations from 29 countries. IASC will be one of the 260 Laureates to receive this award on June 3, 2013 at a dinner program in Washington D.C.
- IASC Govern Board elected officers for 2013: Matt Grose/Chairperson, Joe Silko/Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer/Sue Kaslow and Clerk/Bill Hoeft.

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- VSEM 2.0 is complete and is posted on the IASC web site (www.iasc.k12.mn.us)
- IASC districts will support the “Pathway to Student Success” as developed by the Itasca Area Initiative for Student Success.

- An RFP for physical security hardware (cameras/servers) was awarded via the sealed bid process to Parallel Technologies, Eden Prairie, MN. Project work has already begun.
- Hill City is hosting the IASC Technology Integration Specialist on Tuesday, Feb 26. The 31 IASC participants will have one more group meeting on May 7 at Northland Community Schools before wrapping up the year-long training session.
- MIRC, Minnesota Intelligent Rural Communities, Board members visited IASC's TelePresence classes on February 21 & were very impressed with their visit. MIRC was one of the grant funders who helped establish the IASC Core infrastructure.
- Ties provided additional Cognos training for 40 IASC participants on February 25, with the main goal being able to compare data via a one click report.
- E-rates for IASC and all IASC districts were done in February. ARCC continues to offer support in this process.