

Web Standards Committee Meeting
November 18, 2021, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
ONLINE (ZOOM)

Meeting attended by: Javier Banuelos, Lisa Blod, Samuel Chavez, Marcela Daltro, Erik Duane, Tim Kylingstand, Ilva Mariani, Hugh Nguyen, Patrick O'Donnell, Liz Page, Miya Walker, Albert Wilmovsky, Carla Yorke

Absent from meeting: Mark Olague, Sarah Pirtle

Guests:

Date: November 18, 2021

Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Called to order 10:05 a.m. by Miya Walker

Location: Zoom Conference

Minutes by: Samuel Chavez

Agenda Topic #1: Approve Minutes

- Review minutes from September 23, 2021 meeting.
- Clarification needed on member attendance and presentation.
- **Miya will check with staff regarding inconsistencies found in minutes and bring back to next WSC meeting (December 16, 2021)**

Agenda Topic #2: Website Review and Cloud Options

- Miya:
 - Presentation of recommendation to move staging server from on-campus hosting to Modern Campus' SAAS cloud-based environment.
 - Cites various challenges (Support, I.T. busy, etc...) with hosting staging server on-campus.
- Samuel:
 - Clarified difference between staging/production servers.
 - Most challenges are coming from staging server side of things.
 - Believes moving staging server to SAAS cloud-based environment will help district overall because Omni will be able to provide optimum support.
 - Indicated that there have not been real significant issues with production server.
 - Recommends keeping production on campus.
- Ilva:
 - Agrees with recommendation to move staging server to SAAS environment. Seems cost-effective since the district does not have a dedicated individual to oversee this area.
- Javier:
 - Further clarity on issues.
 - Points out that SAAS customers get updates to Omni CMS software right away.
 - Self-hosted customers may have to wait until a year later to receive updates.
 - Self-hosted customers may not receive every update.
 - Issues are not entirely support or lack of support but has to do with the way and frequency Omni releases software updates.
 - Main reason we have problems on the staging side of things is because we don't have the latest updates to staging side.
- Liz:

- What is the impact on the end-user?
- Samuel:
 - Impact is limited to the time that the transition would take place. Users will be locked down (unable to edit website) for a period until the transition is complete.
 - Believes users will have smoother service if staging is moved to SAAS environment.
- Miya:
 - Brought up Ilva's question/mention of cost.
 - The district is hiring a web administrator.
 - Transition to SAAS is not in lieu of hiring someone.
 - Clarifies that the recommended upgrade requires an increase in costs of \$56,000/year vs current \$22,000/year with OU Insights module.
 - Confirms that the added support from Omni will ease burden on I.T.
- Marcela:
 - Summarize Pros/Cons: Downside is cost. Benefits are updates obtained in a timely manner.
- Javier:
 - Also the benefit of support because when Omni is hosting via SAAS, they are more hands on providing support vs self-hosted customers.
- Tim:
 - Q: Emergency Alerts – How is it coordinated with RAVE?
 - Are RAVE and Emergency Alerts different programs running parallel to each other?
- Miya:
 - Confirms that Emergency Alerts is a manual process and not tied to the RAVE alert system.
 - Emergency Alerts module from Omni is being offered for free to the district as an incentive to upgrade to SAAS environment. It would replace the Emergency Alerts setup the district currently has.
 - We would have to look into the capabilities of tying RAVE and Emergency Alerts together.
- Liz:
 - Is Miya seeking a recommendation from the committee regarding proposal to move staging server to SAAS cloud-based environment? (Miya - Yes).
 - Motion to support recommendation.
- Eric:
 - Second.
- All in favor.
- **Miya will circle back to vendor in attempt to negotiate better cost. Get numbers for executive council**

Agenda Topic #3: Questions and Comments

- None

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Next meeting: December 16, 2021 at 10am Zoom