Technology Committee Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2014
Board Room, District Administrative Offices

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Present: Lisa Lullo, Sharon Kucik, Dr. Scott Helton
            Aaron Lenaghan, Courtney Dement, Tom Cantlin

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the District 88 Conference Room.

1. Status of Replacement and Refurbishment of Staff and Student Laptops

- Discussion on 100 staff laptops and 208 student laptops that will be replaced and updated with incremental spending from the technology budget. The older machines will be donated to our high school libraries and tutoring outreach centers. Our students will able to check out these machines through AT and WB's library.

2. Innovative Devices Updates

- Discussion on research and review of schools in our area in terms of technology use and how the student devices are implemented in terms of instruction. The focus is on reviewing how different student devices impact both instruction and infrastructure with an overview on overall student achievement.

3. Software Renewals

- The district and building administrative teams are researching and reviewing different software for messaging and alerts with call management systems.

4. Hardware-server upgrades

- Discussion on updates regarding our Novell licensing renewal and also with data and storage for our servers. There was also discussion on wireless connectivity and back-up systems for our current network infrastructure.

5. Technology Plan Status

- Discussion on updates with the status of the 3 year renewal for our ISBE technology plan. The technology plan details curricular elements including how technology has an impact with student achievement. Two examples include our students in credit recovery and as well as our students who use Plato software as an at-risk and academic intervention. Other areas that the technology plan focuses on are increasing professional development opportunities specific to technology integration for students and staff as well creating blended learning environments, expanding on use of interactive forms, and enhancing data base systems. There will also be a focus of a review of current systems and how to expand on our databases that have interoperability (finance, student information, and accounting) as well as ease of use with using these databases.

6. Online Learning Updates

- Discussion and updates on our Learning Management system, Nucleus as a communication tool for shared resources, online collaboration resources, discussion forums, secured texting features between students and staff. We have training sessions set up for staff through a variety of professional development options.

7. Other:

- Discussion on new teachers and trainings with technology use. A continued focus is on ongoing training sessions for technology integration, utilizing online collaboration tools and enhancing engaged learning opportunities using technology in the classroom.

- Discussion and updates for online Subbing systems – with a focus on how we can use an integrated system that is specific to secondary education (in terms of scheduling and subbing).

- Addison Trail High School:

  o Updates from our Fall Institute day with a review on how we can use instructional carousel concepts for professional development specific to technology.
  o Discussion on the staff survey specific and focused on technology use (including interactive forms and Nucleus LMS).
  o Overview on our learning management system, Nucleus, Google docs and interactive forms.

- Willowbrook High School:

  o Discussion and updates with music curriculum specific to interaction with technology.
  o Discussion on Project Lead The Way specific to curriculum updates including 3D printer use for the second semester.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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