

Technology Committee Agenda 2-10-14

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Board Room

Questions after last meeting:

1. Current state of network. Please see network diagrams 1a and 1b. To summarize, the majority of the switches in the districts wiring closets are over 10 years old. The recommendation is to begin a replacement plan and prepare for expanded wireless across the district. Several meetings have taken place with Cisco engineers and on site walk-throughs have been completed. Once the budget for 14-15 is clear and the technology plan is complete pricing can be finalized and a complete set of options can be discussed.
2. Progress on website, Website Vendors, also current status of Google Analytics Account and stats from current School Center site
 - a. SchoolWires
 - b. eSchoolView
 - c. School Insights
 - d. Evolve
 - e. Edline (BlackBoard Engage)

Timeline to go live: 3-4 months according to most vendors

3. Teacher training, Mr. Smith wants to build a sustainable training program for teachers and professional staff. He plans on hosting "Tech Tuesdays" twice a month after school for Act 48 credits for any teachers and staff that would like to attend. Mr. Smith developed and deployed a short survey to gauge interest in a program like this. The response was very positive. Using the results of the survey Mr. Smith will begin to construct dates, times, and training topics for the program. Mr. Smith would also like to sequester one or two teacher in service\clerical days a year and transform them into tech days. These days would be filled with multiple one hour sessions covering topics gathered from existing or new technology in the district. The goal is to ensure that, one, we are using the technology we currently have in the district, and two, when new technology is implemented there is a framework in place to deliver the proper training.
4. STEAM Room, A shared Outlook room calendar has been created so teachers can schedule the STEAM room when needed.
 - a. Currently the STEAM schedule is as follows:

- b. Linda Celli (Games Through the Ages and Game Design), see link to current curriculum
- c. <http://zulama.com/our-program/overview/>
- d. She is in the room everyday period 3 (9:30am-10:30am)
- e. Art History using the room everyday 10:30am-11:30am
- f. Currently 2 video conferences scheduled
 - i. Digital Learning Day, Kaitlin Yasko (reschedule)
 - ii. Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, Event Title: Anatomy and Physiology, Susan Deemer (2-6)