Derby Public Schools

Monthly Board Report

Technology Department
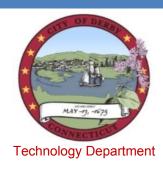
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1:1 Laptops

- Laptops have been handed out to the majority of students. The process was much smoother this year and easier to manage distribution.

- We are still receiving money for damaged laptops from last school year. The insurance policy that was implemented is off to a good start. Some have already had to utilize it.

- On-going repair of damaged laptop plastic casing, monitor and replacement of the hard drive continues as issues arise and parts come in.

- Computers remain up-to-date for all software through our district computer update servers and set up to be more efficient and easier for student use.

- Majority of HS and MS students using Google Apps for school work, homework and email. Majority of staff using Google Classroom for their classes and Google Apps to communicate with students.

1:1 Laptops - AirCards

- Data aircards have been handed out to students that have a signed form and agreed to one. This is an optional service to students.

- The aircard plugs into a USB port on the laptop and allows the student to have access to the Sprint data network from anywhere.

- Preference given to students that do not have wifi at home, but offered to all other students as well. Student receives the aircard at no cost, however it all students receiving one have been told they are responsible for payment of $64.12 if aircard is lost, stolen, or damaged

- This is provided to us by the ConnectED grant awarded to DPS by Sprint. Students receive 3GB of data per month, once the the limit is reached, they can use the card, but data speeds are slowed down. This will be monitored and evaluated closely.

Ongoing Work

- Continue to support, maintain, repair and oversee use of student laptops.

- Continue to address staff technology issues and answer helpdesk requests as quickly as possible. We continue to work on decreasing response time.

- Upgrading computers running older versions of Windows to Windows 7

- Finishing odds and ends such as installing necessary software on new computers at Bradley school. New Technology at Bradley running well.

- Finish updates and prepare Teachscape for principals to begin evaluations.

- Support NWEA testing and data needs as necessary for staff and students. Including ensuring valid data updated and computers are ready.

Summer Projects

- Work on network as needed to maintain a consistent, reliable connection for the district.

- Performing updates as needed on all computers to make sure they all have the same, update software, provide the best possible security, and remain reliable for staff & students.

- Removing older Gateway computers from the classrooms as many are 10 or more years old. Replacing with computers from Bradley after new computers installed or additional computers available in the district.

- Eno board installations, Projector installations and repairs continue throughout the district.

2015-2016 Technology Grant Update

- As of October, no grant money has been awarded to any district, and the State Bond Commission has cancelled meetings.

- Technology grant was submitted on July 10th.

- DPS applied for the maximum allowed amount of $31,812.00

- Awards will potentially be awarded in early Sept., depending on state bond commission meets to give awards.

- Our application request desktop computers to replace the oldest computers in the district.

- Will look and watch for other grant/funding options for technology