

Technology Committee Minutes
11/4/2015

Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

Aaron Schaefer called the meeting to order. Dr. Beyers seconded.

Members present: Dr. Beyers, Aaron Schaefer, John McLeod

Members absent: none

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Jessie Miller, Scott Savage

The committee discussed the following:

1. ***Approval of the Minutes from July 29th 2015*** - Motion by Aaron Schaefer seconded by Dr. Beyers.
2. Jessie Miller spoke about the media reaction following the announcement that google is merging chromeos and android operating systems. Essentially the news story escaped before google was able to properly articulate the roadmap for google devices.
3. Scott Savage covered the budget update regarding technology for the year. Currently we are on track as far as spend is concerned for the year. Most of the tech funding was spent up front but about 9000 dollars remain for misc. supplies like toner cartridges, projector bulbs, and repair kits that will be purchased as needed through the rest of the year. Chromebook bags were returned and a credit is being pursued for that.
4. The second round of computer surplus recycling proceeded earlier this week without incident. Several large televisions remain to be disposed of and various avenues are being considered for recycling. The mission and community pickup options are will be explored.
5. Jessie Miller discussed the 1:1 chromebook update. She collected detailed survey information from staff students and parents near the end of the first 9 weeks. Initial survey results were overall very positive. Jessie Miller will be able to use the survey results to tailor her future training efforts with students and staff.
6. Tech fees and repairs have been uneventful, parents with students who have had broken screens have paid their repair fees to date. Roughly a quarter of parents at each 1:1 grade level have partial fees outstanding, collection efforts will continue.
7. All students have passed their technology license tests and parents/students have done a great job participating in the technology academies Jessie Miller has offered.

John McLeod left the meeting at 5:54pm.

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8. This year 11 mini grants were submitted and approved by the district and Pana Education Foundation. Jessie Miller has done an excellent job in working with teachers to guide their technology requests in the most productive way possible. PEF has a budget of 8,000 dollars for mini grants in addition to the 12,000 dollars provided for chromebooks.

9. Misc: priority for spring is CCTV security system upgrades. The district may work with a single vendor to provide bid specifications. The project may be put out for public bid. The goal is to get a proposal put together around January. Dr. Lett stated the project will probably cost on the order of several hundred thousand dollars. The district would like to increase the quality of the cameras in the system in addition to adding more cameras inside and outside the district.

Jessie Miller mentioned Tuesday Nov. 10 Taylorville school representatives will visit Pana Jr. High to observe the Pana 1:1 chromebook program. Digital citizenship week was two weeks ago. Jessie Miller visited all 2-3-4 grade classes along with Mr. Donahue handling grade 5. A presentation was held for the 6-8 grade students called "delete day". Next week Jessie Miller will be meeting with Seniors to discuss maintaining a professional profile on the internet.

9. Next Meeting Date – The tentative date for the next meeting was set for March 9th 2015 at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Beyers and seconded by Aaron Schaefer to adjourn the meeting 11/4/2015 at 6:06pm.

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