Quanah ISD

Technology Report

For the May 2019 School Board Meeting

The QISD Technology director responded to 45 calls for assistance since the April 2019 board meeting. The April 2019 online STAAR testing went smoothly. Additional STAAR testing on the chromebooks takes place in early May. QISD was awarded 3 UPS (Battery Backup) units from our ERate Category 2 funding, which covered 85% of the cost. The UPS units will help keep network switches, IP telephones and our core firewall operating during short-term power outages. The Elementary teachers attended an after-school training on a product called PearDeck recently and I continue to visit with our district technology advisory team with respect to future teacher-led staff development. Our Facebook usage has had a reach for April of almost 13,000 people. Thanks to our coaches and administrators for keeping spring activities both for academics and athletics posted. Monthly software patches for our district wireless access points, firewall, network switches and iMac computer labs have been installed. iOS 12.2 and OSX 10.14.4 have been released for Apple devices. Google Chromebook OS version 74 has been released and deployed to the student chromebooks. Looking ahead to summer, with the above mentioned UPS units, I'll be doing some re-wiring of the MDF racks at each campus to evenly distribute power loads to the battery backup units. I will also be reformatting and rebuilding our high school iMac lab. Our normal summer maintenance of cleaning projector filters, making repairs to student chromebooks and getting teacher laptops prepared for new personnel round out the list.