

LPGE Technology Board Report October 20th, 2025

Update for October,

What a busy first month of school. Here's what is happening this month.

Six of us had the opportunity to attend the Skyward Conference in St. Cloud. We were able to take a deep dive into the new Skyward Qmlativ platform. This was a great opportunity to get ideas for our transition and prepare for the big task ahead.

To update you on the progress of our Skyward transition, we have the Professional Development courses created and assigned to the 12 individuals that will be taking on the migration task. We have also made a change in our meeting plans during this period. We will still be meeting with Skyward biweekly, but it will only be the tech department. In the other weeks, I will conduct a meeting with the rest of the LPGE migration team. At this time, we will make sure everyone is on task and take any questions back to Skyward.

Some of the PD courses have already started. Audrey, Karen and Bonnie have started data cleanup. Since we have had Skyward for over 30 years, there are things that need to be cleaned up for a successful migration. We have a cleanup deadline of November 11th. On this date, Skyward will take a snapshot of the current data to create our learning environment. This will give us an opportunity to learn and set up the new system with our data. The project team for the migration is as follows: Mitchell Ganske (Project Manager), David Nelson (PDC Coordinator), Skyler Rosenow (IT Coordinator), and Barton Rud & Tammy Cebulla (Leadership Sponsors). All of us will be working with the rest of the team to make sure things run smoothly. This will be the fourth version of Skyward I've used and helped transition to since I started in Technology back in 2000.

The Lightboard has been installed in the auditorium. Everything went well, so we are able to use the auditorium for the upcoming holiday and concert season.

I have some exciting news to share. In September, we were approved for a Cyber Security/Building Security Grant. I applied for this in August, and we were awarded \$50,000. I submitted the bills for the door security system upgrade we had installed this summer. This was approved to be paid back to us in October. This will leave \$8,000 to use before the end of the year. Our plan is to update and add some security cameras district wide.

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