School Board Meeting: **August 22, 2011**

Subject: Approval of the Modified District Technology Goals

Presenter: **Josh Swanson**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Approve Adjustments and Extension of District Technology Goals

DESCRIPTION:
There were two technology integration goals adopted by the school board in 2008.

1. Increase the number of teachers who integrate technology to create authentic learning experiences that enhance existing curriculum or create new curriculum.

2. Increase the number of staff and students who utilize collaborative technologies that enhance existing curriculum or create new curriculum.

A report on the results of the two goals was provided to the board on August 8, 2011. The Technology Leadership Team, which consists of the Superintendent, Director of Teaching and Learning, Director of Technology, an Elementary Principal, a Secondary Principal, Technology Integration Specialist/Teacher, and Communications Coordinator recomend making slight modifications to the 2008-10 goals that would keep them relevant for the 2011-12 school year. The group will create a Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) made up of stakeholders during the 2011-12 school year. The TAC will complete a needs assessment to fully understand the current demands and focus new goals. They will return in the spring of 2012 with a recommendation for the board. The 2011-12 revisions proposed are:

Technology Integration Goal #1
Curriculum Mapping the Technology k-12 scope and sequence has been removed as a measure. This may reappear as part of a future recommendation, but it may take a different shape with a greater focus on 21st century learning or skills. The group suggests not investing resources on this effort until greater clarity exists following the needs assessment. The number of strategies have been reduced, but promote a focus of efforts. An emphasis is placed on multifaceted professional development, inclusion of 21st Century skills, and assessment of instruction design and delivery.

Technology Integration Goal #2
Collaboration tools that are being measured have been expanded past Moodle, reflecting changes in technology and significantly increased use. The targets are set to continue to push staff yet provide a reasonable goal, considering the fast growth of the Google App tools.

During the 2011-12 school year, emphasis will be placed on using technology to support 21st Century Skills represented by the 4C's: Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Critical Thinking. The modified goals will allow for a transition year while maintaining focus as the BHM Staff continues to leverage the benefits technology has on learning and preparing students for a successful future in a changing world.

ATTACHMENT(S):
  2011-12 Proposed Modifications for Technology Goal #1
  2011-12 Proposed Modifications for Technology Goal #2