

Technology Committee Minutes
2/8/17

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

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 10/27/16*** - Motion by Schaefer seconded by Dr. Beyers.

2. 1:1 Chromebook Program

A. Future funding

Mr. Savage showed a chart he developed showing possible retention schedules for chromebooks. The samsung chromebooks used by the current 9th grade students will be replaced in the upcoming year.

Presenter: Dr. Lett, Scott Savage

B. Expansion of Program 2017-2018

The program will expand to grades 6-11. Staff input will be solicited as far as Senior involvement in chromebook usage.

C. 2017-2018 Seniors

Seniors will have chromebooks made available from district owned equipment. High School students will be able to check out devices overnight if needed.

D. Insurance Option

Mr. Savage discussed the new option for chromebooks. The new 6 & 10 grades may be bought in at 1 year of support and warranty. Parents may be offered an optional warranty. 1 year of warranty coverage will cost \$19.

E. PJHS Class - repair assistance

Mr. Savage visited the Jr. High repair club and instructed the new group of students on how to repair screens on the chromebooks. The students are doing a fantastic job repairing screens.

3. FY17 Computer Assisted Budget

The technology budget is in good shape, should end the year slightly under-budget.

Presenter: Scott Savage

A. E-rate

1. Paperwork

All category 1 and 2 E-rate for 2016-2017 has been approved. Form 470s for category 1 and 2 for 2017-2018 have been filed.

2. Project

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The FY16 category 2 project has been approved by e-rate. A motion was made to approve support for the category 2 project. Motion was made by McCloud seconded by Dr. Beyers.

B. Title VI

Misc. items were purchased with Title VI funds, such as interactive projectors, new wifi points for the Lincoln School, 26 new chromebooks for the Lincoln School, new ipad air tablets among other items.

C. Perkins

Federal vocational money that includes technology was discussed - new computers for Carena Watson's room were purchased and will soon be installed in her room.

D. Lease Levy - Washington Elementary School Equipment

The chromebooks, carts, wifi points have been delivered are in the process of being installed.

4. Technology Integration Updates

Mrs. Miller discussed various projects she has carried out in classrooms with teachers. She has also presented seminars for teachers at other districts such as Taylorville on improving their technology integration in the classroom. She also discussed the new Epson BrightLink projectors that are supplanting the smart boards. Mrs. Miller also showed the new robot project Dash and Dot via the Wonder Workshop program. The robots come with various devices and gadgets. The 2nd grade students are gaining basic knowledge in programming concepts. Some teachers are implementing curriculum from Code.org. April 28- Foundation Technology Showcase.

5. Miscellaneous

A used Chromebook cart was purchased for \$650.

Mr. Savage developed graphs that show the hours of usage by grade levels on Chromebooks.

6. Next Meeting Date – The tentative date for the next meeting was set for June 6th at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by McLeod to adjourn the meeting 2/8/2017 at 6:37pm.

Member

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