August 2022 Board Report

Cell Tower Update

As of the day of writing this board report we now have several things in progress for the cell tower on the high school property. Power has been run by Glacier Electric from their base transformer to the site, excavation and pouring of cement is in progress and should be nearing completion if not already completed.

In early to mid-September we will see the physical tower installed. Other items from the construction team to complete will be the installation of antenna's, the running of fiber to carry all of the voice, text and data traffic and then their testing protocol's that will need to be completed before they can go live. The most optimistic of timelines to completion are mid-October with a more realistic deadline being late November/early December. In addition to the 5 year lease payment to the school district for use of the land we will transition those cell phones that we are able to from Verizon to T-Mobile. We will have our own testing to make sure say a principal who lives in the Starr School area will have adequate signal from the tower once it is lit up and live. Ultimately we will be cutting our cell phone cost in ½ and still provide the same level of service. I myself have been happily using T-Mobile service already for the past year, the only issue I currently have is data speed in the Browning area but that will be rectified when the tower goes live.

Infinite Campus

It's that time of year when we make final changes to Infinite Campus to be ready for our new and returning students. With several of our schedules having knowledge from prior years overall this years scheduling proceeded with very few hiccups. I would say it's complete but scheduling is never really "complete" as new students enter/return to the school district and current students transfer on to other districts..

Summer work

Much work was completed over the summer including installation and configuration of our new switches that do the heavy lifting of data around the district and to the internet, firewall updates, content filter updates and many other server updates that are difficult to schedule time for during the active school year..