



LPGE Technology Board Report October 21, 2024



Update for October:

School is well underway. Tech is running smoothly. We have had good feedback from elementary teachers and parents about leaving Chromebooks in school. So far, we have only had one broken screen and last year at this time we had 15. Communication has also improved in the mornings between students as they don't have a Chromebook to work on until they are in class. This was a good move for our elementary school.

Skyler Rosenow and I attended the Skyward conference in Alexandria on October 3 & 4. During this conference, we learned that Skyward has a date for us to move to their new software. We need to have this done in 4 years. It takes over a year to prepare our data. I will be assembling a team of Skyward users in the next couple of weeks to discuss our move to the new software and to pick a date to have this completed. This will not be simple and will take lots of time from our office to make this move happen. It needs to be done as we don't have a choice. But the outcome of the new software will be a huge benefit to our district. For those of you that do not know what Skyward is, this is the main software that runs our school student records. We can't have a school without it.

Skyler attended the first technology meeting at Freshwater for the year. This is a meeting where staff specializing in technology across various districts around the area meet to discuss different ideas and news regarding technology. This meeting allowed us to not only compare ideas we had been coming up with over the summer, but also gather some new ideas from other districts.

Because I'm always on the lookout to save money for our district. We will be implementing a new helpdesk software system in November. We will bring this inhouse and will not cost us anything to maintain but our time. This will save us over \$1,000 per year for our ticketing system. This ticketing system is used for Technology and the Elementary Maintenance department.

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