

Technology Committee Minutes
11/5/2014

Meeting was called to order at 5:26pm at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

Chairman Dr. Beyers called the meeting to order. Dr. Lett seconded.

Members present: Beyers, McLeod.

Members absent: Schaefer

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Jessie Miller, Scott Savage

The committee discussed the following:

1. ***Approval of the Minutes from July 23rd 2014*** - Motion by Beyers seconded by McLeod.
 2. Jessie Miller discussed day to day operations of the 1:1 chromebook pilot at the Jr. High. Dr. Lett talked about possibly changing of plans regarding the upcoming year deployment of chromebooks. We have talked about the possibility of going with 3 grades, 6, 7, 8. Also discussed was the possibility of focusing more on the 1:1 program being a 6-12 grade program. Chromebook damages have been minimal so far, nothing very concerning. The students that have broken screens are paying for the replacement screens at \$45 each. Google classroom uptake has been very positive across the 7th grade. Jessie is planning a training session to show the students and teachers tips and tricks to maximize their chrome book experience.
 3. Scott Savage discussed network update. The wireless network configuration has been fixed and the telephone network configuration has also been fixed. The network and telephone maintenance agreements have been clarified. The phone system agreement covers all aspects of the telephone system. The network maintenance agreement covers 1 business day advance replacement of all 181 pieces of network equipment.
 4. Dr. Lett opened the discussion of the PARCC testing updates. The new online testing program is a very significant change from the previous paper and pencil tests that have been administered in the past. We have received official notice from the state of being capable of online testing. Scheduling for the testing and training teachers to use the test administration portal are the biggest challenges for carrying out PARCC.
 5. Computer assisted budget. Dr. Lett discussed the issues with communication and categorization of the technology budget. The budget will probably be amended due to several factors. The network maintenance agreements were not budgeted in error and several computer purchases were charged to incorrect accounts. However, the budget was planned for accordingly.
 6. Technology priorities – Dr. Lett discussed the foundation's contributions to the chrome book pilot and the teacher technology mini grants. About 12,000 dollars are left in discretionary funds. Future use of those funds will be discussed in the near future. Priority is being considered to the teachers who are still interested in smart boards.
4. ***Next Meeting Date*** – The tentative date for the next meeting was set for March 11th at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Beyers and seconded by McLeod to adjourn the meeting 11/5/2014 at 6:37pm.

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