

## Technology Department Board Update – May 2019

1. May online STAAR testing using Chromebooks went well during the first week of testing and the first days of the second week.
2. On Thursday, May 9, we received 75 Dell laptops from Refugio ISD at no cost to the district. All of these have Windows 10 Pro and Office 2016 installed. While these are about 3-4 years old, they do run fast and are in great shape.
3. The H.S. Counselor will utilize Chromebooks to pre-register students on TxEIS for the courses they will need in the 2019-2020 school year.
4. During a recent bad storm, a transformer blew and knocked out internet and power from elementary 6th grade closet which in turn cut off internet to the rest of the school. When power was restored, switch in IDF (closet upstairs) and Special Ed office was no longer porting out traffic. Both switches are under warranty but will take 2-3 weeks for replacements. One switch was available from old elementary that was put back into circulation. Orlando configured to get internet restored to kinder area as well as upstairs and main hallway.
5. Erate had questions during PIA review of what the content of the closets would be and technicians answered those questions. Received Funding statuses for the FCC Form 471 of services ordered and certification form that was submitted by Ben Bolt ISD and funded at 90% for data transmission and internet access for:
  - \*HS weight room, new data closet in Band hallway, to football field
  - \*Elementary internet access to maintenance/DAEP area. Next step is to work with service providers to begin services.
6. Spectrum won the bid to connect a WAN circuit connecting Elementary to HS and sent progress report, as requested from us, to give Dr. Barrera idea of work to be done and timeline. Installation date will begin July 7, 2019 for Badger Lane and Whitney Drive Advanced networks of Texas were awarded the connection from the stadium to the high school, and DAEP to the elementary after the WAN circuits are in place, Advanced networks of Texas will make their connections.

### Library News

This is the final week for AR testing. All students who were Top Accelerated Readers during the year and also achieved the 100 point club, will be rewarded with a trip to Barnes and Noble. They will be allowed to purchase one book and then they will be treated to lunch at Macaroni Grill.

Librarian will give presentations at both campuses on eBook resources for summer reading. Information on how to access eBooks will be posted on website and Facebook.