

Technology Committee Minutes
3/9/16

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

Aaron 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 November 4th 2015*** - Motion by Aaron Schaefer seconded by John McLeod.

2. FY16 Computer Assisted Budget

Presenter: Scott Savage

The technology budget is on track this year as expected. The major purchases and projects have been implemented and the remaining funds are being used to supply consumables like printer cartridges and projector bulbs.

3. E-Rate Update

Presenter: Scott Savage

The recurring expenses regarding category 1 are in process. Category 2 is being put out for public bid. Discussion of the website hosting. The 3 current 3 year contract expires June 30th. Liability concerns regarding ADA compliance with moving to a free hosted site. John McLeod suggested going to the free hosting route and possibly going back to a paid solution if the liability issue became a problem. The purpose of the change is to save funds and still retain a working website. Motion made to migrate website from socs paid hosting to a free google site.

Motion made by John McLeod seconded by Dr. Beyers for the intent of saving the district technology budget funds.

The category 2 RFP has been put out for public bid. The walk-through date for vendors to visit our school sites has been set for March 21st. Vendors are currently in discussions and preparing proposals. Dr. Lett stated that the sales tax revenue may be a source of funding for the district's part of the category 2 spending.

4. 1:1 Computer Update/2016-17 Expansion

Mrs. Miller spoke about the success of the 1:1 chromebook program. 5-7% of the devices have been repaired to date by Mr. Savage. The belief is the 8th grade students chromebooks should survive one more year. When the current 8th grade students reach 10th grade their devices are planned to be refreshed. We plan to continue the deployment next year by adding the 6th and 10th grade students to the 1:1 program. We currently have enough chromebooks available at the high school to allow an entire grade level use of chromebooks.

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5. PEF Business Partners Showcase – 4/29/16

April 29th during the lunch hour 11:30am-1pm will be a showcasing of 3 groups of students. Students will be demonstrating ipads at the elementary. Students at the Jr. High will be showing their new chromebooks at the 6th grade level. Mrs. Patton's students will be showing their new kindle fire devices they have been using at the High School. Dr. Lett has discussed bringing on new partners.

6. Tech 2016 Presentation – 5/10/16

Mrs. Miller will be attending the Tech 2016 presentation in Springfield IL in May. She will be presenting with Mr. Schmitz and Mrs. Hahnenkamp. They will be bringing six students with them. Press release information will be released to the local newspaper soon. They will be sharing with local legislators how they are using technology in our school district. They will be discussing among other topics the process they undertook to use various technologies in the classroom and the result of the learning that has taken place in the classroom.

7. Miscellaneous

Mrs. Miller discussed the first session of PARCC testing ELA. The chromebooks were swapped in place of thin client stations and tower PC's were used to administer the test. The students did a very good job on the first day of testing.

9. Next Meeting Date – The tentative date for the next meeting was set for July 27th 2016 at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Dr. Beyers to adjourn the meeting 3/9/16 at 6:20pm.

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