

Technology Committee Minutes
6/18/2014

Meeting was called to order at 5:27pm at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

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

Members present: Beyers, McLeod, Schafer arrived at 5:41pm.

Members absent:

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Jessie Miller, Scott Savage

The committee discussed the following:

1. ***Approval of the Minutes from March 26th 2014*** - Motion by McCloud seconded by Beyers.
 2. Jessie Miller discussed the 1:1 computing parent initiative. Dr. Lett discussed the number of parents who attended the meeting. Dr. Lett reported roughly 1/3 of parents attended. Further review of guidelines and agreements for the 1:1 program are being developed by Jessie Miller. Another parent meeting will probably be held around the first week of school.
 3. Jessie Miller hosted a 1:1 chromebook training session led by Rochester School Teachers. Jessie invited 6-7-8 and special teachers. The attendance was very good. The Rochester Teachers spoke to Pana Teachers about how they used chromebooks in the classroom, handled discipline issues, etc. The feedback form submitted by teachers showed overwhelmingly positive results.
 4. Tech Equipment Transition – Scott Savage discussed moving the classrooms from Jefferson to Lincoln/Jr. High and Lincoln to Washington moves. We are currently 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule with the classroom moves. Fiber optic moves. The current status of the fiber optic installation project was discussed. The fiber has been bored and currently awaiting termination. Jessie Miller discussed the transition from wall mount to ceiling mount projectors in the move. Miller also discussed the PARCC assessment requirements for testing in computer labs. They will be physically rearranged to accommodate the PARCC assessment.
 5. Budget priorities. Savage discussed the main priorities with the upcoming year tech budget. The ncomputing thin client rollout is nearing its end with another purchase of 80 devices. The wireless network will be expanded. An additional 28 desktop pc's will be purchased for staff to phase out remaining Windows XP desktop computers. Existing software contracts are being maintained. Waterford is being changed to a cloud hosted service instead of internally hosted.
 - a. McLeod expressed concern with cell phone usage at the High School. Dr. Lett reiterated his view that cell phone etiquette is important to teach to the students.
2. ***Next Meeting Date*** – The tentative date for the next meeting was set for July 23 at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Beyers to adjourn the meeting of 6/18/2014 at 6:16pm.

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