

Technology Board Report

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Technology /TechCo

We had a Technology Committee meeting on February 18th to discuss current projects. Most of the discussion focused on the MI State Police security grant and the things we have installed and plan to install. We also discussed collaborative projects and roles TechCo staff play on our consortium. We have a very talented and capable group of people in our TechCo.

I will be attending Brain Storm the first few days of March. I went last year and found it to be a much better technology-focused event than other conferences I have been to. Derrek, Steve and I all will be hosting roundtable discussions covering cyber security and cyber attack response. We hope to come back with some great takeaways from these.

I have been over to the new building trades building to advise on network drops and various other technology related items. The building is taking shape and the students will be pulling network cabling throughout when the time comes. This is a great opportunity for them to be involved and get some great experience with some low voltage as well as Mr. Gregg's class to assist with the termination of the network connections.

We just got North Dickinson County Schools approved by Google to get their very own Google Suite for EDU! This was a much more involved process than it was 10+ years ago when the rest of our districts signed up. This includes just about every feature available for FREE. Currently, we are not looking to move their email platform to Google but they will at least have access to all shared Google docs and other various items through their district accounts. Justin is going to be assisting them with getting a digital sign running under Google Sign Builder that we are currently using at most of the TechCo districts.