Pana Community Unit School District #8

Technology Committee Minutes
7/27/16

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
Members absent: John McLeod
Superintendent Present: Yes
Visitors: Jessie Miller, Scott Savage

The committee discussed the following:
1. *Approval of the Minutes from -* Motion by Dr. Beyers 3/9/16 seconded by Schaefer.

FY17 Preliminary Computer Assisted Budget
Highlights of summer technology projects are the 135 new flat screen displays purchased for use across the district. All of the older CRT monitors have been sent to recycling. 25 new PC's have been ordered to replace the few remaining Windows XP workstations. The aristotle server has been upgraded and extended to support active content filtering in addition to the passive data collection and web site logging for student chromebooks. The aristotle system is also being added to monitor student workstations throughout the district. Office 2016 licenses have been purchased to upgrade and consolidate the district to one version of office. Dr. Lett explained possible future plans on how the chromebooks will flow from year to year through the 1:1 program. The plan is that as chromebooks become sturdier that we may be able to get 4 years out of the devices for grades 6 through 9. h
Presenter: Scott Savage

2. ERate Update
Not much to note here. Category 1 and 2 funding has not yet been approved for the 2016-2017 school year. There is no indication or ETA of when e-rate funding will be approved.
Presenter: Scott Savage

3. Security Cameras Update
The project will be substantially completed by Wednesday August 3rd. Training on using the new system will commence next week with Mr. Savage being trained. He will then train district staff.
Presenter: Scott Savage

4. Technology Recycling Update
135+ old monitors have been sent to recycling. Storage closets have been emptied once more. Clear plastic totes have been delivered and soon the equipment remaining in closets will be organized by Mr. Savage.
Presenter: Scott Savage

5. Lumen Registration Portal

Goal was to pilot online registration for parents this year. The vendor did not produce the requisite software to enable that this year. The district may need to consider a new student information system.

Presenter: Scott Savage

6. 1:1 Chromebook Program Review 15-16
Mrs. Miller discussed repair statistics of the chromebooks for the previous school year. The most reported issue was accidental screen breakage. 50 chromebook screens were broken by students and repaired by Mr. Savage last year. Mrs. Miller also discussed survey results relating to the students and teachers experience with the chromebooks. 96% of the students used the chromebooks to write documents, presentations, spreadsheets, and conduct research. More than 90% of the students took quizzes or tests on the chromebooks last year.

Presenter: Jessica Miller

7. 1:1 Chromebook Program Expansion 16-17
Mrs. Miller will have office hours at the High School this year. She has scheduled chromebook meetings with parents and will be at registration to answer questions for parents. She has also prepared flyers and other information. Mr. Sanders will be assisting checking in and out of devices at the High School. Mrs. Miller will be offering summer teacher workshops next week for chromebook related topics.

Presenter: Jessica Miller

8. Miscellaneous
Several teachers will be presenting at the ROE institute held at Pana School District this year.

9. Next Meeting Date – The tentative date for the next meeting was set for October 26th 2016 at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Schaefer and seconded by Beyers to adjourn the meeting 7/27/17 at 6:21pm.

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