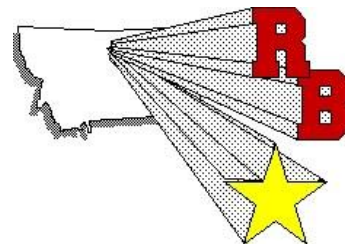


# Technology Department

April 10, 2019

IT Director – Robert Parker



In the last month IT attended the annual META conference in Helena. This year wasn't as good as previous years but we did get some good vendor leads and information on some of our current programs from vendors attending the conference.

During our most recent audit there were findings showing some discrepancies in income for the Printshop between the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years. After looking into this we discovered a few things. The major factor in the discrepancy was when Gerald Small was doing billing he was charging accounts twice for prints. There were other small factors, such as the printshop no longer doing large board packets each month that account for a small loss in revenue. Still, we believe the printshop is not charging as much as we have in the past for certain types of jobs. We reached out to Jessie Morsette to come in and take a look at our pricing and see if she is able to spot anything we need to change going forward.

The weeks of April 8 – 19 the district will be doing SBAC testing in the elementary and junior high. Testing seems to be going smoothly overall with only a handful of minor issues popping up. Using mobile devices to facilitate the online testing is working well and creating much less stress over lab access.

IT is currently working on budgets for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. As well as planning the installation of network appliances and access points throughout the district and coordinating that with our upcoming camera system installations. This upcoming summer will be very busy for the IT department but once the upgrades are in place, the school's infrastructure will be in a very good position for the next several years. And the added management capability the new equipment allows the IT department should be very rewarding. This will be the first time the IT department will be fully staffed during the summer in 3 years. With the upgrades we have planned, the IT department will need to be fully staffed in order to finish everything prior to the fall.