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Derby Public Schools

Monthly Board Report

Technology Department

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1:1 Laptops

- Laptops have been handed out 260 student at DHS and 295 students at DMS. The process is still going smoothly and we are maintaining good control over laptops.
- We are still receiving money for damaged laptops from last school year. The insurance policy that was implemented is off to a good start. Some have already had to utilize it.
- On-going repair of damaged laptop plastic casing, monitor and replacement of the hard drive continues as issues arise and parts come in. All devices are being repaired in district this year.
- Computers remain up-to-date for all software through our district computer update servers and set up to be more efficient and easier for student use.
- Google Apps for Education is being used in the district more and more every day. Bradley and Irving staff have started to use it as well, and more teachers are utilizing collaboration in Google Drive and Google Classroom with their students.



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1:1 Laptops - AirCards

- Data aircards continue to be handed out to students that have a signed form and agreed to one. This is an optional service to students.
- The aircard plugs into a USB port on the laptop and allows the student to have access to the Sprint data network from anywhere.
- Preference given to students that do not have wifi at home, but offered to all other students as well. Student receives the aircard at no cost, however it all students receiving one have been told they are responsible for payment of \$64.12 if aircard is lost, stolen, or damaged
- This is provided to us by the ConnectED grant awarded to DPS by Sprint. Students receive 3GB of data per month, once the the limit is reached, they can use the card, but data speeds are slowed down. This will be monitored and evaluated closely.

Ongoing Work



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- Continue to support, maintain, repair and oversee use of student laptops.
- Continue to address staff technology issues and answer helpdesk requests as quickly as possible. We continue to work on decreasing response time.
- Upgrading computers running older versions of Windows to Windows 7
- Received donated computers and monitors from Charter Oak State College. Devices are in great running condition and we are preparing them for distribution throughout the district.
- Received a donated 20 foot projector screen in great condition. The facilities team installed it and it is ready for use.
- Purchased sound equipment is in process or arriving to the high school. As it comes in we are working as quickly as possible to install. This includes new speakers, wiring, wireless handheld microphones, a wireless podium microphone, and wireless headset microphones.

Ongoing Work/Projects



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- Support NWEA testing and data needs as necessary for staff and students. Including ensuring valid data updated and computers always ready.
- Work on network as needed to maintain a consistent, reliable connection for the district. Creating a backup server in the district to ensure that all important data remain backed-up in the event of any equipment failures
- Performing updates as needed on all computers to make sure they all have the same, update software, provide the best possible security, and remain reliable for staff & students.
- Removing older Gateway computers from the classrooms as many are 10 or more years old. Replacing with computers from Bradley and donated computers after new computers installed or additional computers available in the district.
- Eno board installations, Projector installations and repairs continue throughout the district.

2015-2016 Technology Grant Update



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- As of December, no grant money has been awarded to any district, and the State Bond Commission has a meeting coming up that may include the grant on the agenda.
- Technology grant was submitted on July 10th.
- DPS applied for the maximum allowed amount of \$31,812.00
- Awards will potentially be awarded in early Sept., depending on state bond commission meets to give awards.
- Our application request desktop computers to replace the oldest computers in the district. Still looking into other funding sources for new technology as well.