

Technology Committee Minutes
3/11/2014

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

Schaefer called the meeting to order. Dr. Lett seconded.

Members present: Schaefer, Beyers.

Members absent: McLeod not present but arrived at 5:32pm

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Jessie Miller, Scott Savage

The committee discussed the following:

1. ***Approval of the Minutes from November 5th 2014*** - Motion by Beyers seconded by Schaefer.

2. Computer assisted budget update. Budget discussion about amount budget vs planned. The budget number gap will be partially closed by revenue from 1:1 chromebook project at the 7th grade. There were also some unexpected expenses regarding toner cartridges, supplies needed for parcc testing, and emergency diagnostic work done to fix the wireless network at the beginning of the year.

3. 1:1 computing project. Jessie Miller shared the fee collection status of the project. 3 of the 7th grade students have not paid half of their fee by the mid year deadline. 4 students do not participate in the program. 2 of them have not participated since the beginning of the year. 2 others are transfers in and their parents have not opted in. 16 students total have not paid the complete fee owed. 3 students have transferred out of this district in the second semester. Taylorville has sent a rep to our district to observe our 1:1 program twice. Vandalia sent a team as well. Dr. Lett recognized the presentation given by Mrs. Miller to staff at the last inservice covering the use of technology in the classroom over the past school year.

4. Jessie Miller discussed the proposed 1:1 computing expansion. The proposal is to expand the program to grades 6 and 7 in order to make the Jr. High a 1:1 building. Mrs. Miller suggested a staggered deployment on the two additional grade levels. Dr. Lett mentioned that after a years worth of experience that the focus of the 1:1 project will be in 6-12 grades rather than 4-12.

5. Professional development for 1:1 expansion. Jessie Miller is proposing a summer training with 6-8 grade staff over several days where they will be shown successful strategies that have been implemented with the 7th grade staff.

6. Parcc administration. So far we are delivering the tests and successfully testing students. The audio/video presentation on Tuesday has been the most difficult part of the testing so far. However we are moving along. Mrs. Miller and Ms. Thompson have completed all the work for organizing students in testing sessions and printing testing tickets. Testing is proceeding on time and a make up schedule will be published shortly. Dr. Lett mentioned the student opt out

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vs parent letter opt out issue. The District has stuck with the strategy of encouraging students to do their best on the test.

7. PEF Business sponsors. Mrs. Miller is proposing to April 24th Friday from 11:30am to 1pm. Mrs. Miller plans to show the sponsors what students are doing with the chromebooks and apps in the chromebook app ecosystem. She will also show what students have done with other forms of technology such as the ipads at the elementary buildings. Mrs. Miller recognized Mrs. Hahnenkamp as having done an exceptionally good job with integrating technology in her elementary classroom. She has become a role model for good technology implementation to her peers. Dr. Lett recognized the support of the business sponsors in helping to support the 1:1 implementation at the Jr. High.

8. Misc. Mrs. Miller assisted a student at the high school to be able to print in braille on her own.

9. Next Meeting Date – The tentative date for the next meeting was set for July 29th at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Beyers and seconded by McLeod to adjourn the meeting 11/5/2014 at 6:42pm.

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