Technology Committee Minutes January 19, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Pana Unit Office Board Room

Chairman Schafer called the meeting to order.

Members present: Schafer, Beyers, McLeod

Members absent:

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors: Scott Savage, David Dively, Jessica Miller

The committee discussed the following:

- 1. Approval of the Minutes from Sept. 7, 2011 Motion by McLeod; Second by Beyers.
- 2. <u>Budget Update Mr</u>. Dively provided an update of the 2012 budget. Overall budget for purchased services, supplies and materials, and capital outlay for Computer Assisted Instruction is at 91.01%. The Committee members asked if information on the Tech budget for 2013 and the 5 year plan could be provide at the Board retreat.
- 3. <u>E-Rate Update</u> Currently the monthly bills for both the Local and Long Distance bills and the Metro-Ethernet Lines are being offset by the discounts received from the E-Rate program. The discounts from the E-Rate program (based upon the # of free/reduced lunch students in the district) makes the current network services (telephone, Internet, Intranet) affordable.
- 4. **Update by Unit Technology Integration Specialist** Mrs. Miller provided an update on the various technology projects going on in the district. She shared with the Committee that the Washington School Pre-K program provides an inspirational example of how technology can be used with the way they were using their SMART table. The Committee agreed that we need to get these kinds of success stories out to the teachers, parents and public.

Mrs. Miller also provided an update on the video streaming of basketball games through the use of iHigh.com. She indicated that the video worked fine, but the audio needed work. She also pointed out that you need to be near a 3G or 4G network in order to view it effectively on

- 5. **PEF Business Partnership Event** Mrs. Miller reviewed the preparations being made for the PEF Business Partnership Event to be held on Friday, Feb. 17^{th in} the Jr. High auditorium. The event will showcase how the IPAD cart at Lincoln School is being used by students and teachers. The cart was purchased through the support of the Educational Foundation's business partners. Each 4th grade teacher will select students to participate and show each of the partners how they use the IPAD in the classroom. Video will also be cycled to show students using them. Everyone is invited Tech Committee, Foundation members, Board Members, etc. Letters will be sent out to invite business partners from the last two years.
- 6. *Update by District Technology Coordinator* Mr. Savage provided a brief update on the E-Rate program. He indicated that he is currently working on the applications for 2013. He said that Mrs. Miller had already addressed the other items that he intended to cover.

- 7. *Miscellaneous* No discussion
- 8. *Next Meeting Date* The next meeting of the Technology Committee will be on March 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Unit Office Board Room.

A motion was made by McLeod and seconded by at 6:45 p.m.	Beyers to adjourn the meeting of Jan. 19, 2012
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