Pana Community Unit School District #8

Technology Committee Minutes
12-1-21

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm at the Unit Office by Bauer, Seconded by Deere.

Members present: Michelle Blackwell, Craig Deere, Kyle Anderson
Members absent: none
Superintendent Present: Yes
Visitors: Scott Savage, Jason Bauer, Amanda Skinner, Kim Hahnenkamp

The committee discussed the following:
1. *Approval of the Minutes from 3-9-21-*   Motion by Deere seconded by Blackwell

2. Call to Order/Roll Call

3. Review/Approval of Minutes

4. FY 22 Computer-Assisted Budgetary Update

Mr. Savage mentioned the budgets shown at current will be amended as usual like last year.

Equipment bought with covid funding has been put into the various tech budgets placing them

over - but the budgets will be amended at the end of the year to reflect the grant funding paying

for those items.

        Presenter: Scott Savage

5. Technology Updates

        A. Newline Interactive TV Panels - Install & Training Updates

        Amanda Skinner showed a basic demonstration of the new interactive TV's to the

board members. She covered the external connection features, on board android features, built

in applications and so forth.

        B. Apptegy - App 2.0 and Google Analytics

        Ms. Skinner reported on the Apptegy website is working well. A new version of

        the site is coming soon. It should make navigation easier. We have begun

        running google analytics for the website. That should provide future insights.

        C. 1:1 Chromebook Program Update

            a. Chromebook Insurance & Current Repairs

        Chromebook insurance is mandatory again this year. TRA is 3-4 weeks behind

on repairs. Lori Magnussen is assisting with the check in/check out process on the loaners. We

have 70 loaners against 400 students at the High School. About 5 students do not participate in

the take home process. It's a struggle even with that many devices to keep everyone in service. But we are managing it.

        D.   Illinois Education & Technology Conference (IETC)

            a.   November 18 - 20, 2021

Kim Hahnenkamp presented at this conference. This year she presented on customizing google slides and creating pixel art as a review tool. She is looking forward to developing new topics to present on for next year. Blookit is the hot new game tool.

        E.   Digital Citizenship Week - Oct 18 - Oct 22, 2021

Amanda Skinner covered internet safety, digital footprint, as usual. It went to plan. She went through the exercises with students. She also spent time explaining being mindful of taking care of the chromebooks. Ms. Hahnenkamp covered safe internet access, time management, and other topics.

        F.   District Technology Integration Specialist Update

            a.   STEM Labs / ICE Box Utilization

Ms. Skinner relayed there are more new 3d printers at the High School. 8 upstairs, 8 downstairs, 8 spread out in classrooms. Science, chemistry, and physics departments are really integrating the 3d printers into their curriculum. The cricuts are also being used in the classroom. Math classes are coming into the stem labs more and the TVs are playing a role in that. Ms. Skinner showed off some of the 3d printed items students have made recently.

            b.   Elementary MakerSpace Updates

Ms. Hahnenkamp is using the elementary maker spaces. She is leading the culture club at Lincoln to create celebration videos among the students. She visits all the rooms at Washington to work with the teachers and students since there is not a dedicated maker space at that building.

6. Other Technology Considerations

Mr. Bauer discussed the SDS financial system that covers bookkeeping and payroll. We are reviewing changing to another system vs. exploring changing processes within SDS. The discussion around changing Lumen impacts far more staff than the financial system. This is all under discussion. No recommendations at this time.

7. Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, March 1, 2022

8. Adjournment

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9. *Next Meeting Date* – The tentative date for the next full tech committee meeting will be on 3/1/22 at 5:30pm at the Pana Unit Office.

Meeting was adjourned on 12/1/21 at 6:21pm, motion by Deere, Seconded by Anderson.

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