

Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

2/11/02 6:30 p.m. Admin Building

Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Sue Stolzer, Diane Goodman, Cynthia Robey, Dave Kapuler, Robbie Gibson-Minor, Bob Furst, Craig Nicholas, Gayle Filantres, Rich Benson, Kelly Carroll, Lynn Atkinson.

Agenda Item: Review of Dec 2001 meeting notes (All)

Notes were reviewed no comments or questions

Agenda Item: Project Updates and announcements (Bob)

Tech 2002, Springfield

Gayle Filantres announced that her 5th grade students would be attending the Tech 2002 Conference in Springfield on May 7, 2002. The Tech 2002 Committee accepted the project she submitted, Animation tessellations.

Phone System

Sound Inc is fine tuning the NEC 2000 proposal for a pure IP solution. This was a result of a meeting with the Greg Kurr and Maureen Hager. We wanted to have estimates from both vendors (I.E. ALLCOM's NBX100 product) to appropriately compare with the 2 proposals.

Target installation for the Administration Building is summertime 2002.

iBooks

The 4th and 5th at Lions and FV have their iBooks installed in the classrooms via wired connections to the network

Wireless connectivity will be implemented over the next couple weeks

Community Technology Education

There will be 3 offerings of a workshop entitled *Safe, Enjoyable Internet Surfing with Academic Help for Your Children*. The intended audience is parents and grandparents who want to learn entertaining, educational, and safe ways to utilize the Internet.

Agenda Item: Foundation News

Saturday, March 9th is the next Foundation's fundraising Dinner Dance

Approved Grants pertaining to technology were as follows

Wireless Classrooms in connection with the iBook purchase

The foundation funded 4 Cisco Wireless Access Points for the 4th and 5th grades at Lions Park and Fairview

Weather Station

The foundation funded software and equipment for Lincoln's technology lab to allow the school to report weather conditions to the Weather service

Digital Microscopes

The foundation funded the purchase of equipment and software for Lincoln's Science classrooms to be used with the classroom monitors
Kidspiration K-3, Inspiration 4-5 @ FV
Fairview has submitted a grant proposal to increase the licensing seats for this software.

Ideas

Laptops for teachers

Lincoln may be housing more students in 2002-2003. This may require teaching staff to become more "mobile". Notebook computers for teaching staff may be a solution for the replacement cycle of equipment at Lincoln

Video Labs

Agenda Item: On-Line Assessment (Robbie)

- A pilot for the Edvision Performance Assessment is being proposed to Board of Education for use in grades 2-8
- The product is an assessment tool to measure student performance in District objectives, state standards and possibility Fed standards
- Tests are scored immediately
- It is designed to measure student progress and growth over time
- There are a variety of reporting mechanisms for both teachers and administrators
- This could possibly replace some standardized testing
- It could be used for IEP and Gifted identification of students
- Other products have been reviewed for comparison but require additional investments for equipment.
- No additional equipment is needed because the product only requires any Internet browser – i.e. Netscape or Internet Explorer.

Agenda Item: Video Production (Bob)

Planning is underway for the video production highlighting the various District programs and initiatives. The District Publicity Coordinator will be working with MPTV and an unnamed production assistant to plan the content. A section of the end product will be technology in District 57.

Agenda Item: Wireless WAN (Bob)

The Village Code – 14.313 REGULATIONS FOR PERSONAL WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES -- was reviewed by the committee. It requires that the district to incur costs for consultant. There are zoning restrictions put on the schools for the height of wireless towers. A waiver would need to be sought.

A discussion ensued regarding the need for higher bandwidth on the Wide Area Network.

A suggestion to implement compression on routers is to be investigated.

Agenda Item: Other

Investigate leasing opportunities for technology to help in replacement and disposal of the out-dated equipment

A discussion about cooperation among neighboring Districts for technology needs ensued. The work of the NTAC organization was highlighted and the Standards for the technology competencies document will be emailed to TAC for their review.

A method to measure Web Site Hits for our servers on a monthly basis was discussed. It would help determine what is driving folks to our web site(s)

The topic of a Technology Open house was discussed.

SY 2001-02 meeting dates

(All dates are Mondays @ 6:30pm): ~~8/13/2001, 10/15/2001, 12/10/200, 02/11/2002,~~
04/15/2002

Handouts

- 1. Membership List***
- 2. Last Meeting's Notes***
- 3. Village Code 14.313***
- 4. CTE classes***