

Technology Advisory Committee Meeting
2/23/04 6:30 p.m. Administration Bldg.
Notes

(Corrected per discussion at April 2004 meeting)

In attendance: Rich Benson, Peg Donnelly, Diane Goodman, Ken Panczyk, Cynthia Robey, Dan Walsh, Bob Furst

Last meeting's notes review:

- The group reviewed the notes -- no comments

Agenda Item: Tech Plan initiatives

- Technology Integrationist
 - This position will definitely be deferred due to budget considerations. However, the services that the tech revision committee envisioned for this position need to be performed via staff such as LRC director and/or BTA
- *Assignment Book* Web Pages @ Lincoln
 - Lincoln staff is posting weekly assignments on their teacher web pages. This is meant to help parents and students better focus on their daily homework responsibilities
- Voice Mail for Teachers
 - All elementary classroom teachers (Lions Park and Fairview) have a voice mail account setup to retrieve messages on their computer. The plan is to survey these staff members at the end of March '04 to assess the value as a communication tool.
- ESP tech training
 - Focusing on technology skills for Ed Support Personnel is becoming a priority. Web based MS office training is being deployed in the District office.
- Tech Curriculum revision
 - The technology curriculum is slated for revision this summer. A committee is being formed.
 - Prospect gives a tech proficiency test that to give students the opportunity to opt out of taking a "technology skills" course. They say 2% of students attempting to opt out of the course pass the test. The TAC group questions the accuracy of this in looking what Lincoln students do now.
 - Grade Level pamphlets should include the newly developed tech curriculum
 - 6th and 8th grade tech classes are very similar. There should be more advanced content for the higher-grade level.

- Transfer of student tech skills need to be moved into classroom activities
- Sample Units for tech integration units should be developed and published for new and existing staff to utilize.
- Equipment replacement
 - Teacher workstations at FV and LPS are scheduled for replacement this summer.
 - Pending budget considerations, the next step would be the four student labs. OSX will be the operating system.
 - The group discussed options of what to do with the replaced equipment
 - Form a Committee to designate sale to community
 - Provide the replaced equipment to families “in need” via social workers or other special service contacts
 - BOE Policy needs to be reviewed to be sure we are covered
 - This could be high school service project
- Student Management System
 - PowerSchool is being deployed in the elementary buildings. Plans are to train the school office staff in April ‘04, export data from SDS and fully changeover for the 2004-05 school year.
 - The elementary staff do see a Grade Book as a priority
- IP cameras
 - The group discussed uses for this type of equipment. Examples:
 - Buildings and Grounds Surveillance
 - Observing Student Activity in learning environment
 - Video Conferencing (remote meeting attendance for BOE member(s))
 - Morning Announcements
 - Connecting 2 remote classroom activities

Agenda Item: Foundation

- News Dinner Dance fundraiser is Feb 28th 6:30 Hilton-Northbrook
- Technology Grants Update – Lincoln LRC was awarded a grant for a portable LCD Hi Resolution Projector

Agenda Item: I^oF Conference

- Diane and Bob shared the proceedings of the conference held Jan 29, 2004.
- Business and education leaders attended to focus on the importance of technology for student learning.

Agenda Item: Students Using Technology

- Cynthia shared some activities from FV students

- Animal study using Kidspiration (graphic organizer)
- Research President reports
- Attwood supply preparation
- Writing and typing practice
- Data collection and analysis
- Skill practice
- Geometric Shapes to build pictures
- Projects becoming difficult due to scheduling conflicts too many students

SY 2003-04 meeting dates

(All dates are Monday @ 6:30pm):

~~8/11/03, 10/20/03, 12/8/03, 02/23/04~~, 04/19/04