

Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

4/19/04 6:30 p.m. Administration Bldg.

Meeting Notes

Present: Dave Kapuler, Cynthia Robey, Diane Goodman, Dan Walsh, Bob Furst, Craig Nicholas, Ken Panczyk

Agenda Item: Last meeting's notes review

- A correction is required regarding the tech proficiency test given at Prospect H.S. – should read *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 pass the test.* The Feb. 2004 meeting notes will be modified.

Agenda Item: Technology Plan initiatives/progress

ISBE approval for Technology Plan

The Technology Plan has been submitted for approval by ISBE. Some minor revisions are required. Approval is expected by May 2004.

Technology Curriculum Revision

The formation and initial committee meeting was April 7, 2004. Plans were made to construct grade level objectives during summer curriculum meetings. TAC has suggested that there be articulation with appropriate personnel at Prospect H.S. to address its concerns regarding the *tech proficiency test*.

On Line Assessment

The Curriculum Department is searching for an assessment program. The goal is to use a computerized assessment product (that would provide faster assessment reports) in place of one of the standardized testing methods currently use. The first phase is test different products in the classroom:

- *Performance Series* is being piloted in a 5th grade classroom at Fairview
- *Assess to Learn* is being piloted in a 6th grade math class at Lincoln

Video for Lincoln

- Lois Andrews has obtained a grant that will help purchase equipment for a Video Production Lab at Lincoln
- Bob Furst is investigating equipment that would utilize the existing Category 5 wiring infrastructure to broadcast analog video to classrooms.

Replacement Equipment

- There are summer 2004 plans to replace the teacher computer workstations at Lions Park and Fairview as well as the 4 computer labs – 2 at Lincoln and 1 at each of the Elementaries

Increase wireless access

- There are plans to increase wireless access in all the schools. The focus will be in meeting areas.

Leasing computers

- The district is planning to enter into a master lease agreement commencing with the replacement of the 4 computer labs (mentioned above). An RFP will be advertised in May 2004 to find a leasing company for the leasing agreement.

Voice Mail for Teachers

- A survey is to be sent out to staff in May to assess how well the current Voice Mail setup for staff is working. Bob will be constructing a 5-10 question survey for the TAC to review

Student Management System

- PowerSchool training and implementation underway for Lions Park and Fairview. There will be some parallel testing from now thru June 2004 with full implementation for SY 2004-05

Piloting Spam filtering @ FV and Admin

- SPAM email has become such a burden that the District has entered into a monthly service with MXLogic. Initially only the Fairview and Admin mail servers are being filtered as a pilot. With all going well, Lions Park and Lincoln will be brought on line in May 2003

Lincoln 105 LAB

- This Tech Lab has not been upgraded for over 5 years. Synergistics is providing an upgrade plan for review.

Agenda Item: Disposition of ~50 Four/five year old Macintosh machines

- As computers are being replaced, disposition issues arise with the displaced equipment. After discussing, TAC's consensus is to firstly, offer the equipment to staff at a fixed price determined by polling a few resellers. Then, after making an appropriate staff sales effort, use one of the resellers as a buyer of the remaining equipment.

Agenda Item: Foundation

- Technology Grants Update – The Lincoln LRC Director, Jamie Collins, had been awarded a grant for a LCD projector.

Agenda Item: New Business

- The meeting dates for SY 2004-05 were suggested to the group as follows: 8/9/2004, 10/25/2004, 12/6/2004, 2/7/2005, and 4/25/2005. Consensus was to submit these dates for the district calendar publication. All members present had indicated that they will continue to participate in SY 2004-05

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30pm