

Technology Advisory Committee Meeting
2/7/2005 6:30 p.m. Administration Bldg.
Meeting Notes

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In attendance:

Ken Panczyk, Craig Nicholas, Dan Walsh, Dave Kapuler, Rich Benson, Kathy Fox (guest), Bob Furst

Technology Plan initiatives

Technology Curriculum

The technology curriculum is targeted to be launched in the 2005-06 SY. Composing the curriculum manual and the appropriate resources are two of the identified committee's tasks.

The group discussed some methods regarding how the Technology Curriculum can be advertised to parents. It is important for parents to know what new items will be added to the curriculum. The District should find ways to engaged the parents with active communications methods via Back to School nights, concerts, Fine Arts Nights, etc. Utilize PTA meeting once a year to show classroom technology activities to help parents gain a better understanding of how important technology is in education. Similar to Lois's meetings about assessment tools

Have computers for parents to fill out Online surveys at Parent-Teacher conferences.

On Line assessments

The committee discussed the value of online assessments vs. the paper-pencil method. As the teaching staff's comfort level increases and understands its value, they could adjust their teaching style to focus on the necessary content to address the test results. Also, its value may be to give parent access to individual test scores.

However, a sample of the reports available for parents should be used to inform its use.

Administrative and BOE reports are also very valuable. It is important to publicize the benefits of this type of assessment.

Wireless at Lincoln

Secure wireless is being piloted at Lincoln. An *Access Control Server* will manage the security for encryption and access control to the network via the WLAN.

Replacement

Keeping the technology fresh -- 4th and 5th grades received eMacs. Lincoln is increasing its laptops with 30 additional units. The lower grades are targeted for this Summer 2005.

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Field Trip!

On Friday Feb 25 at 930am members of TAC will be visiting Kimball Hill School in Palatine District 15. Plans are to go into some classrooms, space shuttle and Owen Garriot Center. An overview of their technology program is also on the agenda.

Foundation

News

The foundation is discussing a method to restructure to acquire long term funding. They are also discussing "accountability to the public" concerns in excuting such an expansion. Consultants would be required to help -- spend \$\$ to make \$\$.

Dinner Dance is on March 19 at Algauiers

Technology Grants Update

The foundation is meeting on 2/9/2005 to discuss grant proposals totaling \$25k

Tech Foundation Basket

Apple computer has donated an iPod, Digital Camera and accessories for a basket that the Technology Department and TAC are sponsoring. There will training services bundled in as well. Other items are attempting to be acquired.

Technology in our classrooms

Examples of student work --utilizing technology-- was shared with the group.

New Membership (putting the word out)

Kathy will be soliciting TAC members at the next PTA meeting

SY 2004-05 meeting dates

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

~~8/9/2004, 10/25/2004, 12/6/2004, 2/7/2004, 4/25/2004~~

Handouts:

1. Membership List
2. Last meeting Notes