District Technology Team Meeting Agenda
June 19, 2013 – 1:30PM
Board Conference Room

The final District Technology Team Meeting for the 2012-2013 school year was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 1:30 PM.

We welcomed new members Chris Latshaw, Chris Collins, Andrea Garrison, and Deanna Schettine. Our Technology Team has really grown and we appreciate the time and talent of our faculty and staff team members.

We discussed the migration to ebooks and encouraged getting ebook requisitions in as soon as possible. Accessing content in Folletshelf/Destiny and searching for content using Titlewave is explained and well documented on the PVAL Website (For Employees - Technology - eBooks), as well as using our librarians as helpful resources. The technology department will work to keep information updated on the web for reference. The National Geographic Explorer For Schools interactive app is available to students on all student ipads. This is a wonderful resource for teachers.

The projection for district iPads next year is grades 3-12 will all be 1:1. There will be at least 3-4 iPads per each K-2 classroom. We will be doing iPad syncs every month next school year and will require teachers to assist by ensuring that student work is backed up to their H:// drive. New next school year for the iPads will be the ability for students to save directly to their H: drive from the iPad through a webdav service.

Lisa Kelley requested that 5-6 grades have more iPad chargers for students to check out for home use. It is difficult for students to take iPads home overnight for projects without a charger.

This summer, under the direction of the technology department, there will be a major WIFI reconfiguration. There will be additional WAPS installed inside & outside of both buildings and additional access points added in each classroom.

We will be consolidating and recycling older classroom computers this summer. To accommodate for this change, there will be extra devices available next school year for iReady testing. As we move toward web based testing, we will continue to assess the need and use of laptops for iReady (such as HP netbooks and the Dell laptops). The addition of mice on laptop carts will help with known scrolling issues that browsers cause on the iReady website. The ES Research Lab will have a shortcut added for Reading Counts on the desktop. (These computers will continue to have the iReady shortcut, also.) Current laptop carts will stay in place and possibly be updated to iReady/Reading Counts machines that will load and run quicker.

The High School Distance Learning (DL) Lab laptops are being removed from DL lab and reused. The HS Lab 206 computers are also being removed and upgraded. These computers will be reused in classrooms throughout both campuses.

After July 1, 2013, we will be migrating data from Toolbox Pro to My Big Campus (MBC). A student and teacher portfolio discussion will take place this summer. Recent MBC professional development training was well received by staff. There are a few remaining glitches on the new MBC site that causes delays when viewing.

We continued to see damage to computer labs and equipment throughout this school year. Again, removing equipment from DL will eliminate equipment damage thus making it necessary for students to use their iPads, turning care and ownership of equipment back to them.   The study hall will continue to need constant monitoring for damage. Sarah Olson will begin to check out headphones to each student for use during lab in the elementary to cut down on headphone damage.

Results from the 2012-13 Formal Student Technology Assessment are as follows:

12th Grade Average: 68%

8th Grade Average: 62%

5-6th Grade Average: 46%

These results are up from last year. Our Technology Plan goal is to have students achieve an 80% on this assessment by 2015.

We will administer a Technology Survey for Staff at the August In-Service during Opening Assembly (between speakers). They will be required to bring their iPad to submit the survey during time given. This survey is required to fulfill a portion of the District Technology Plan. Questions will be adjusted and changes made to streamline and shorten the time needed to complete. The majority of questions will be made into multiple choice questions and all available technology, software, etc. will be listed to choose from.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.