

**Notes from
Curricular Technology Committee
January 23, 2007
3:30 – 4:40 PM
Middle School Library**

Present:

Bonnie Nobiling
Patricia Follett
Allayne Heyduk
Amanda Scimeca
Peter Casola
Kim Downie
Eileen Robbins
Barb Havlik
Marilyn Rosas
Deb Dalton
Cheryl Miller
Kim Shepherd

- I. Infrastructure upgrade summer 2007
 - a. Last Wednesday's 1/16/07 Board Meeting: Board approved upgrading bandwidth from T1 to Gig to all buildings except the bus garage.
 - b. Work will be done this summer
 - c. Goal is to become more efficient, bring servers to high school so problems can be addressed from one building.
- II. TET 07 projects
 - a. Two teams announced
 - b. Middle School: Amanda Scimeca, Paul, and Bonnie Jones
 - c. High School: Deb Dalton, Brady Cotter, Lee Ferrara, Deanna Dunham, Eileen Robbins
- III. Technology Plan status
 - a. Brainstorm ideas for Vision Statement and Key Goals
- IV. iSAFE assembly
 - a. Meet tomorrow to finalize details, will contact The Daily Star for coverage.
 - b. 2/16, Friday: 1st period entire High school, 9:00 5th and 6th grades, 8th period Middle School
 - c. Amanda suggested we all get the students to fill out the survey before attending
 - d. Need to plan a snow date
- V. New data drops - Elementary schools
Status: Much work has been done, but evidence of tomfoolery. (2nd shift) Remember not to just plug in and start using, computer services still needs to "activate"
- VI. Software budget update
 - a. Software budget crisis has been averted; Since everyone was good at trimming their wish lists, surplus of \$4-5000.00

- b. Would like to put surplus toward SPAM blocking software.
- c. Marilyn says with email addresses on web page we get more SPAM on Groupwise.
- VII. Mandarin – Circulation system update
 - Allayne says it's better, but takes a while to get going in the morning on Mondays.
- VIII. Round Table
 - a. Deb: All teachers want projectors. They can use the back room in the library , but it is hard to manage. She forwards websites to teachers. Some classrooms are prohibitive to integration of technology, i.e., computer access, hardware available.
 - b. Middle School needs projectors big time. Elmo is easy to add. Should it be part of the Capital project?
 - c. Marilyn: Student passwords: only have 5 MB of student storage. To get students signed up, instructor should call Marti, make sure they have the roster and a tech person will be available to help when signing students up. Problems with compressing files (or not being able to) and not enough space for saving.
 - d. Amanda: Microsoft Photo Editor doesn't show up in MS Library or in Marilyn's room.
 - e. Eileen: Building team in high school working on ideas for tech integration, vision statement and student objectives
 - a. Kim Downie: Kindergarten and 1st graders are making increased use of the computer lab. Kindergarten students go to the lab in groups of 4 during their "center" time to work on Kidpix and basic computer vocabulary. Each morning during journal writing time, 1st graders go to the lab in groups of two to write their journal entries on the computer.
 - b. Barb: 5 Elmo carts. Staff development has to be mandatory. Laptops used by 2nd grade Janet Ouimet and Blumenkrantz. Look at 4th grade projects on web page. G drive is making her job difficult.
 - c. Peter: Has wireless signal sometimes. Needs wireless for access. Trouble accessing tech and limited availability of the stuff they have.
 - d. Amanda: G Drive issues. Licenses limited in number? Need plain vanilla in a patchworked network. Student photo questions: FERPA and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Need to redo acceptable use policy. You can use pix if parents did not forbid it with separate letter. Best is groups of 3 or more, first names, not always in order. Large groups and shots farther away are best.
 - e. Allayne: Social Studies 5th and 6th graders are busy. Need time and supervision. Can Identify in Mandarin: Patron's Profile: Acknowledgement is there. Author club is 2nd Graders (Judy Visnosky's enrichment group) visits sites.
 - f. Pat: Printer eats paper when you first put it in.

Next meeting Feb 27th in high school library. Eileen is bringing snack, Marilyn is bringing something chocolate, and Deb is mixing lemonade and iced tea (hopefully).