

**Technology Committee  
Minutes  
Meeting on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Present:**

Peter Casola  
Deb Dalton  
Patricia Follett  
Barb Havlik  
Caludia Koeppel  
Mark Parmenter  
Eileen Robbins  
Marilyn Rosas  
Amanda Scimeca  
Carol Wood

Bonnie Nobiling was absent (sick) and had asked the group to discuss the I-Safe assemblies.

**What went well:**

- Well worth hosting. Good to have during school time and at school.
- Reached many students
- Student role playing effective
- Most effective at the elementary level
- Exercise at narrowing down the crowd to one girl was effective – personalized the potential threat of identifying a person easily
- The clip of the class of police officers was effective

**What could have been improved:**

- Police officer hosting should have been more polished, prepared & dynamic
- Timing for the MS assembly was poor – 8<sup>th</sup> period and right before a vacation break
- No time for discussion afterwards. No post survey given. Need to have small group discussions directly after the assemblies – in small groups a better forum for freely asking questions
- Too dramatic and scary for some elementary students
- Need for the presentation to be more personal – use local incidents more
- Principals should have been better prepared prior so that they would be better informed as to the content of the program.

**What to do better:**

- All teachers need to see this program. It was suggested that the I-SAFE training be included in a future Supt. Day programming. Follow up with small group discussions.

## How to reach parents?

- Claudia suggested a short introduction could be made at a parent Open House, then followed up by a longer session later in the month.

## Other:

- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades the ideal age for this type of program
- Cyberbullying should be addressed and discussed. This is a problem and could be a follow up to the I-Safe program.

## Other concerns from the group not about I-Safe

- PowerPoint updates – when and where? There is a 2007 version out while most of us have to work with the limited 2000 version.
- Will VISTA be used here at OSD?
- Possibility of using Open Office?
- Amanda was concerned about the price of replacement bulbs for the data projectors and suggested that we might want to consider larger screen TVs instead, if the bulbs were going to cost so much.
- We need a source for repair of equipment. Apparently when equipment breaks down, we no longer can easily ship materials outside for repair.
- Professional Development ideas – for short, after school classes during the school year:
  1. Webpage development
  2. Effective web searching strategies
  3. Blackboard updates – Moodle alternative?
  4. PowerMedia Puls – alternatives?

Claudia would like to see these done in a series format e.g. one hour per week for a month or 6 weeks – as a way to cement the learning.

Although not part of the meeting, a few of us discussed afterwards the possibility of the members of the Technology Committee getting in-service credit for attendance. In other districts, members of this type of committee are paid a stipend.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40. **Our next meeting will be at Valley View at 3:30 on March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

GREAT REFRESHMENTS AND NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE TO EAT THEM! Thank you to Deb, Eileen and Marilyn.