

TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Board of Education of Wicomico County

MEETING

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February 25, 2010

Attendance

Joe Benamati, Bill Cain, Carl Dragwa, Bruce Ford, Brian Foret, Scott Keasey, Carla Lewis, Ruth Malone, Donna Matteson, Ian Robertson

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

LCD Projector Bulb Replacement Program – Bruce Ford

- Bill stated that this was discussed at the Administrative Instructional Meeting yesterday. It was recommended that the top five projectors be identified to begin to develop an inventory for use by the schools.
- Ruth has emailed all supervisors to review their budget for a contribution to this account. Ruth has agreed to provide \$30,000 from textbooks. She has also asked Lori Bock and Judylynn Mitchell to look at the media account. Kim Miles and Susan Jones will be looking at the principal's accounts as well.
- Bill stated that we may need to put additional money into this from the budget.
- Ruth – moving forward we will need to be consistent in projector models
- Bruce – a separate account within operations will need to be set up
 - Brian will provide information for this account to Bruce
- This account will be for bulbs only.
- Joe - the correct word is "lamp"
- Ruth – hoping to have answer from supervisors tomorrow morning
- Bill – account needs to be \$75,000-100,000 annually
- Donna – Kathy is working on projector list from schools

LCD Projector Mounting – Carl Dragwa

- Carl stated that he would like all future projectors to be wall mounted not ceiling mounted. Labs will need wall mounted projectors also.
- Discussion followed.
- Carl - would like for us to move in that direction

Twitter in Education – Carl Dragwa

- Carla - not seeing a lot of usage value in Twitter for the district
- Carla did an action research project and heard back from one person out of 100 followers.
- Discussion followed on the capabilities of Twitter.
- Concerned with risk involved. Discussion on security issue concerns.
- Bill spoke about article sent by Dr. Fredericksen on Facebook "Tinker" case.
- Carl spoke about a meeting he attended in Anne Arundel County on risks involving social networking sites.

Donating End of Life Computers to Partnership – Carl Dragwa

- Carl is interested in donating end of life laptops to St. Francis as part of our Title I partnership with them. The request was made by St. Francis.
- Bill is concerned with donating to one school in particular due to past experiences in Somerset County. Others need to be allowed the opportunity to be the recipient.
- Discussion followed
- Brian – the laptops currently go to eCyclers
- Bill – this needs to be handled through a third party
- Bruce – the history of the committee is that we not donate equipment

Classroom Teacher Representation on the Committee – Margo Handy

- Brian stated that a list of questions was created at the James M. Bennett staff meeting.
- Chris Cuppett is a member of the Tech Management Committee.
- Bill – the instructional staff that is on the committee has a good handle on issues
- Carla – meet with TRT's monthly, very open with TRT issues, work with Donna and Ian to resolve any issues
- Bill – meeting minutes are posted and sent to TRT's

Miscellaneous

- Brian – Any TRT issues that we need to be aware of?
 - Carla – some concerns with promethean
 - Ian – staffing has been adjusted to assist with promethean
- Carl – Annex 3 lab is due for an upgrade. Carl would like to consider making the lab notebook based with docking stations. Teachers need to have training on equipment that they will be using. This will also provide flexibility within the room. Will need to be able to lock computers.
 - Discussion followed on safety concerns and ideas. It would be best to have a cabinet to lock up the laptops.
 - Ian – Dell cabinet would work well
- Brian – spoke about the JMB staff questions, discussion followed on training possibilities, possible presentation
 - Carl – we have met with staff
 - Ruth – may want to create a publication that would answer generic questions, such as “I have a new laptop, now what?”
 - Carla – tech coaches will be assigned to assist
 - laptops will be provided early
 - CPD course for promethean boards will be available

Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 9:45 a.m.
- Next meeting: **March 24, 2010** ~ 8:30–11:30 a.m. – Central Office Media Center