

Tech Committee

Minutes

2/22/2016

1. Updates
 - a. Netsmartz on websites and in newsletters. ✓
 - b. Maintenance on projectors including filters and vacuuming ✓
 - c. Tech etiquette staff and students ✓
2. Hot Topics from School?
 - a. School Notification system will be in place soon. This will involve text, phone, and email to all schools to notify parents of important information.
 - b. Chromebooks have been delivered to WES. Currently looking to see if running on OS 48 will work for AzMERIT or not. Krause will contact AzMERIT to check on this.
 - c. Beyond Textbooks – Is there a need for revision or crash course in BT 101/102? Vail has offered to come for free to review and look at added items for BT.
 - d. Allowing access to people from outside district (i.e. coaches). Unfortunately, our infrastructure cannot currently handle this. Most districts that allow this have two networks. One public and one district only. We do not have this in place.
 - e. Bring your own device or technology – Discussions are being had because many would like this, but again unfortunately we do not have everything ready nor the infrastructure for this. We would need two networks (a public access and district access) as well as much more bandwidth.
3. Update on Google for Education – what kind of feedback are we receiving from those teachers who are utilizing it? With moving some to Chromebooks, will it be possible to set up all students with a Gmail account?
 - a. PHS has had quite a few teachers using Google Classroom. Some concerns are students can only use email within district. For example, they can only email to teachers and other students. This means they cannot download Google Apps, cannot use Google email for things like concussion test, colleges, or other sites teachers ask them to sign up for. Is it possible to open this email up? What are the concerns we might have for allowing open email? We will continue looking into this to make sure there is nothing legal about opening it up.
 - b. Joe will be setting up email for all students next year especially as we start implementing Chromebooks at school.
4. Media Release – example Le Pera is using. Revisit idea if we want to add this to AUP during the beginning of year paperwork. – The decision was made to add this to the beginning of the year paperwork for each school to ensure we have everyone covered.
5. Document Cameras – some are starting to die. Revisit how to replace. – Principals should contact the curriculum office for suggestion on what document camera to order and then will need to put an order in. The suggestion was also made to inventory at end of the school year, so principals could order replacements over the summer.
6. Refresh for rolling cart labs? Are they being included in school refresh? – This will be a school by school basis as some rolling cart labs are considered additional labs and are not the school's primary use. However, some schools like the junior high have primarily rolling cart labs, so it might be their refresh. This will also depend on the budget and what the district will be able to afford.
7. Next meeting: May 16, 2016
 - a. Agenda will include revising the tech plan