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# ***MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159***

## **Board Technology Committee**

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### **Minutes**

October 18, 2011

7:00 pm – MES S126

### **MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:**

Joe Spalla, Mark Franceschini, Steve Hastings, Chuck Vitton

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Spalla, Mark Franceschini, Steve Hastings, Chuck Vitton

### **PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

Purpose:

- Review of inventory of the district's current technology
- Discuss short and long term technology goals
- Discuss next steps with district's website
- Discuss current/next steps with regard to audio-visuals of Board meetings

### **WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED:**

1. Mr. Hastings presented a complete inventory listing of the district's current technology hardware and software. The committee reviewed the inventory in detail and clarification was provided to members with specific questions. It was discussed that we would take information from the inventory and create charts/graphs depicting the age of current student software, hardware, and servers so that we could provide to the Board information related to a cyclical replacement/refresher plan. Mr. Hastings also presented a brief history of the district's foray into technology and we would also present some of this information to the Board to they understand the historical significance of technology in the district.

Subsequent Discussion Points:

- Need feedback / participation from the teaching staff on their needs with regard to instructional technology.

2. The committee discussed short and long term goals for the district's technology. Various points were presented:
  - What do we replace outgoing computers with? Laptops? Tablets?
  - Infrastructure is a major point of concern, especially if we are considering going to wireless access in the future.
  - Current Internet connection speed is limited via the State connection. It was proposed to see what Comcast would cost the district to speed up this connection. We would also need a new firewall in this scenario.
  - Need for mobile access to district website (secondary goal after website(s) are re-developed.
  - In addition to technology hardware and software, professional development will be needed as new technology enters the classroom.
3. It was discussed that Mr. Stein, Mr. Hastings, and Dr. Vitton had met with regard to the district and school websites to make them more user-friendly. As the revised websites are developed, they will be presented to the committee.
4. The audio setup is complete in the Band Room at MES. We are waiting on a new receiver to be put into place. We should be able to record audio at future meetings and post this to the district website.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, November 2, 2011 – 7:00 pm at MES (Room S126)