
MOKENA SCHOOL DISTRICT 159

Board Technology Committee

Meeting Notes
January 17, 2012
7:00 pm – MES S126

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:

Joe Spalla, Mark Franceschini, Steve Hastings, Chuck Vitton, Kim Klappauf, Jennifer Macie, Amy Edmier

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Spalla, Mark Franceschini, Steve Hastings, Chuck Vitton, Amy Edmier, Jennifer Macie

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

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- Approve December 14, 2011 Meeting Notes
- Facilities Tour
- Discuss Board Feedback on “Current State” Presentation
- Review Rankings of Budget Needs
- Status Update on District’s Websites
- Discuss Technology Plan Documents
 - Discuss short and long term technology goals
- Discuss Current/Next Steps with Regard to Audio-Visuals of Board Meetings
- Status of FY12 Technology Spend

WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED:

1. Meeting notes from January 17, 2012 were approved.
2. Facilities tour was led by Mr. Hastings
3. Board members Spalla and Franceschini commented that the Board was pleased with the information presented in the “current state” presentation at the January 12th meeting. The Board has a clearer picture of where we stand with technology and future needs.
4. District Website: Mr. Hastings has fine tuned the district website and is currently working with the building principals on design of the school’s sites.

5. AV at Board Meetings: The configuration did not work as well as planned. The audio is limited by the microphones we have in place. District office was making contact with the vendor to get other ideas with regard to improving the quality.
6. The committee discussed current technology needs with regard to the remaining FY12 budget. At this time, Mr. Hastings will upgrade the district firewall and begin memory upgrades on older PC models to increase speed.
7. Mr. Hastings will begin the process of contacting vendors for possible site survey quotes with regard to wireless infrastructure.
8. It was asked how curriculum will be supported by technology enhancements. Dr. Vitton explained that this is hard to quantify at this time, since the curriculum process has been halted the past two years. Without an active curriculum review process, alignment of curriculum to Common Core Standards, the need for updated instructional materials, and lack of professional development it is challenging to create a comprehensive technology plan to support teaching and learning.
9. In order to garner some insight from potential technology pilots, Dr. Vitton will create a teacher survey to request proposals from staff with regard to instructional technology. The survey will ask teachers to identify technology that could enhance their instruction, and hold such teachers accountable to report findings back to the committee for review. The amount from the current budget for technology pilots shall not exceed \$5,000.
10. Discussion of the comprehensive tech plan and SIP plans was postponed.
11. Discussion of next steps with regard to PARCC assessment was postponed.

NEXT MEETING GOALS:

TBD

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 – 7:00 pm at MES (Room S126)