

Attendance: Keith Alexander, Board of Education
David Freedman, Board of Education
Debbie Leidlein, Board of Education
Carmella Amodeo, Director of Technology

Call to Order: The Board of Education Technology sub-committee meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm.

Public Participation: There was no public participation

New Business:

Discussion of level of support for BYOD in schools

- Do parents sign permission slips?
- Carmella believes at the MS they are required to - will check on this
- Reed and Elementary do it on an as needed basis
- High School never really did this - Keith wants to check with the HS to see if it is being used for curriculum

Discussion of equipment necessary to complete required evaluations

- labs have been added to certain schools
 - Elementary has two desktop labs
 - Added 2 additional desktop labs at Reed and MS
- Carmella was not sure how much time will need to be allotted for SBAC testing coming up
- Past issues
 - had issues with headsets - these were student owned planning to buy loaner headsets for students who need it
 - Carm is not aware of any issues that stopped testing
 - Netbooks for SBAC did not work - did work for NWEA - this is Reed
 - Replaced all monitors with LCDs
 - Reed is questioning purchasing additional equipment for computer teacher to use while testing is going on because it is believed they will use all 4 labs
 - SBAC and NWEA can be done on the iPad but they need to use a wired keyboard in order to do SBAC - This is not as stable as desktop
 - Smarter Balance dictates what equipment is needed

Budget Planning Discussion

- Discussed coming up with a consistent amount of spending across all the years
- We need to reevaluate the 7 year obsolescence plan

- As you shrink obsolescence, there is more equipment that needs to be purchased
 - this includes switches, smartboards, projectors, etc.
 - District experience for projectors is not good
 - HS is having issues with projectors in new addition that cannot be fixed and are difficult to change
 - Reed has issues with shaky walls that make mounting projectors and projecting on the walls difficult due to HVAC on roof
 - Hawley was done last year and 140 machines at high school - admin machines were not replaced at Hawley
 - Middle Gate and HOM are due this year and some Admin machines will be added in

Future Technology Initiatives

- funding will be changing - erates were all 40% reimbursable; this year it will not cover web hosting or phone service - but may be able to fund network
- HS will be proposed in the coming year due to the ability to get funding
- What we have to cover with regard to phones might be more but networking might offset this
- significant future needs?

Structure

We will be a committee

We will vote a chair at the next meeting

Action Steps:

Carmella will put together an inventory list for next meeting

Equipment by age and school and obsolescence

Adjournment: Mr. Freedman moved to adjourn; Mrs. Leidlein seconded

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm