

# Technology Meeting Minutes January 8, 2009

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USD #377 Atchison County Community Schools

Central Office, 4:00

**Members Present:** Alison Ostertag, Cherrie Preut, Jennifer Dobbs, Noelle Walters, Mark Preut, Marci Feldkamp, Tim Foster, Kristi Wiseman, Susan Erickson, Kyle Kimmi, Therese Tremmel, Charlie Watkins, Jamie Wetig, Steve Wiseman,

1. The minutes from the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved (Walters, Erickson).
2. The technology plan has been approved by the state. Mr. Wiseman will have surveys out using taglet. (Teachers, Students, etc.)
3. Powerschool issues are being dealt with. Mr. Wiseman emphasized to Dynamic that our data needs to be securely backed up.
  - a. Everytime the server attempts to back up, the server thinks it is being attacked and it shuts down the Powerschool server.
  - b. They are working on a good backup plan.
4. It needs to be reiterated to staff that they are not allowed to download “illegal” software or files, this is terms for termination, especially after you have been warned.
5. Training Needs as expressed by staff:
  - a. Hands on Office Suite training
  - b. Power school
  - c. Power Teacher
  - d. How to reduce file sizes, pictures
  - e. Using email
  - f. Functions of Outlook
  - g. Inserting things in word
  - h. Labels
  - i. One Note
  - j. Powerpoint
  - k. Standards based grade card – Power School

6. We will set up some training times after school.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tim Foster explained that the tech. grant (Carl Perkins) will be split amongst eleven school districts. 50% can be spent on new technology. 50% on professional development.
  - a. New technology – new to the market technology. Software, such as Web Design, could be purchased and reimbursed.
2. Mark Preut – Promethean Board Report
  - a. Mr. Preut has a demo video available for viewing.
  - b. Smart board & Promethean – their software is compatible and interchangeable.
    - i. We can upgrade our current Smart Board using Promethean software.
  - c. Promethean 4.0 is to be launched next week (week of Jan. 12)
    - i. It has graphics packets with graphics that are appropriate for different grade levels. (K-12)
3. State Department News:
  - a. 52% of state budget goes to education. If they hold the school districts harmless it would take a 15% cut for everyone else that is funded by the state.
  - b. Vocational – will have no money
  - c. 5% cut with reconfiguration. We would still have to cut \$100,000 – before insurance.
4. \$15,000 in grants will be used to upgrade IDL lab
5. KanEd.2.0 – 9 mega bits system (triple) \$2400/month with 67% erate.
6. Mr. Wiseman will be able to save \$260,000 with reconfiguration.
7. A Technology need survey will go out to the staff during the second week of February.
8. New phone system – over the summer

Mr. Wetig moved to adjourn, Mr. Foster seconded his motion.

Next Meeting will be set at a later date.

