

Technology Meeting Minutes September 3, 2008

High School IDP Lab, 4:00

Members in attendance: Alison Ostertag, Cherrie Preut, Nola Crooks, Jennifer Dobbs, Noelle Walters, Mark Preut, Marci Feldkamp, Kristi Wiseman, Susan Erickson, Jamie Wetig, Steve Wiseman.

Students in attendance: Elizabeth Ford, Darren Falk, Megan Hamilton

- Mr. Wiseman informed us that we are the 1st school in the consortium to be able to send and receive video transmission allowing us two way interaction.
- Mr. Wiseman briefed us on some of the programs that are available thru Greenbush via distance learning.
- Mobile Lab update – Kristi has been to two centers and talked to 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders about how to handle the laptop, log in, etc. in preparation for MAP testing.
 - The laptops that are in our Mobile labs have a 3 year warranty, a heavier chassis and longer battery life.
 - Problem- There were connection errors, Kristi had to reconfigure the connection on 72 profiles.
- Technology that is new for this school year
 - New lab at the middle school
 - All computers at the high school have been replaced
 - 3 mobile labs (one at each elementary school)
 - Powerschool server
 - Replaced one switch
 - Microsoft 2007 update
 - IDL – Interactive Distance Learning – Lab at the high school- which can be used by all students in the district
- QUESTION: What do we want to do?
 - 5 new Promethian classrooms with Elmos
 - Where would we put them?
 - How would we decide who would get it?
 - List of factors:
 - Who would actually use it?
 - How do you keep it even at the elementary level?
 - Same grade level at each building?
 - Curriculum cores
 - Mobile unit for technology at the elementary center

- Telephones...
 - Should there be a telephone in every classroom?
 - Why?
 - Ease of communication in case of emergency
 - Discipline issues
 - Privacy issue for discussion of confidential information
 - Cons:
 - Distracting during classtime to students when phone rings.
 - Solution: No ring...use blinking light
 - Teachers using the phone for personal reasons during classtime.
 - Cost
 - Public perception
 - Pros:
 - Privacy
 - Confidential calls are often necessary
 - Safety
 - Attendance
 - Accountability issues
 - Communication
 - Personal touch
 - Relationship with the community
- Technology Night
 - An evening when the patrons of the district can go into the buildings and look at the technology we have. Get parents/community involved.

4. Telephones... what do the teachers in your building think about having them in their rooms. Please summarize pros and cons.

5. Technology Night... What should we do? What should we show?

6. Where do we go from here? Professional development? What else do we want to see done?

7. Is what we are doing all about students and giving them experiences that prepare them for the real world?

