

Technology Minutes

September 24, 2008

High School IDL Lab 4:00

Members in Attendance: Alison Ostertag, Cherrie Preut, Jennifer Dobbs, Noelle Walters, Mark Preut, Marci Feldkamp, Tim Foster, Kristi Wiseman, Susan Erickson, Therese Tremmel, Charles Watkins, Steve Wiseman, Jamie Wetig, Elizabeth Ford, Megan Hamilton, Darren Falk, Kyle Kimmi

We started our Technology meeting off with a demonstration, by Kristi Wiseman, of how the IDL technology worked. We were able to connect with KanEd. As of 9/24/08, the audio was not working.

To find classes using the IDL:

- www.cilc.org
- www.greenbush.org

1. Elected a new chairperson for the Technology Committee – Charles Watkins

Vice-Chair – Cherrie Preut

Secretary – Alison Ostertag

2. Minutes were approved as amended

* clarification – with/without Elmos when discussing Promethean Systems in the 21st Century classrooms as Elmo is a name brand. Changed wording to document camera.

3. Membership: Reps cover all staff and students. We'd really like to get more community involvement. We brainstormed groups of people that we could invite to get involved:

- Business Reps – MGP, Atchison Casting, NW Pipe, Blish Mize, Bunge
- Booster Club
- PTO
- Higher Education – Highland, Vo-Tech, Benedictine College
- Atchison Public Schools??
- Parent, Grandparents, Family
- Alumni

Strategies for recruitment:

- ❖ Email
- ❖ Newsletter
- ❖ Direct mail to businesses and alumni

- ❖ Newsleaf
- ❖ Personal contact (Letter of invitation and follow up phone call)
- ❖ Globe (Katy Blair)
- ❖ Daily announcements

Start generating a list of potential contacts so that we don't duplicate invitations.

- 1st step – generate list – identify relationship with the district.
 - In spread sheet form would work best emailed to ostertaga@usd377.org
- 2nd step – Assign contacts

BRING LIST TO NEXT MEETING!!

- Invite people on the list to the Technology Night

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2008 at A.C.C.H.S – 4:00

Assignment Answers

1. Where would you put a smartboard and projector in your building?

- High School
 - Each classroom
 - Have a set available for each department
 - Teacher have to apply to have it in their room
- Middle School
 - There are 3 who would like to have it in their room
 - Those that already use the technology
- Elementary
 - Effingham and Cummings
 - 4th Grade
 - 1st Grade
 - Lancaster
 - 3rd Grade
 - Other elementary ideas:
 - Rotate classes into room with the Promethean System.
 - Add a Tech room/tornado shelter

2. What else do the teachers in your building feel that they need? Want?

- High School
 - Document camera system
 - Computer access in classroom for students at least 1 computer per classroom
- Middle School
 - Better wireless throughout the building
 - There are “dead” spots in the building
- Elementary School
 - New computers in the classroom
 - Sound on the computer.
 - Document camera
 - Keyboarding – keyboarding program doesn’t work due to wireless access issues.
 - Technology room
 - Intercom system
- Student Members Ideas:
 - Laptop for every student
 - Science department with Promethean System in the lab.

- Document camera system in Science department.
 - 21st Century Lab
- Student Members Ideas Continued:
 - Sound system for the auditorium and the gym
 - Lighting, sound, microphones

3. Middle School/ High School... What should your library look like?

- Middle School
 - We need to develop some standards
 - We need more places for kids to read
 - We need to make it user friendly
- High School
 - It should have enough computers
 - Question: Can you use computers in other rooms for research?
- Elementary
 - We need more room!!

4. Telephones... What do your teachers in your building think about having them in their room?

- Middle School
 - Yes, they should be available in each room
- High School
 - Yes, they should be available in each room.
- Elementary
 - Majority of the elementary teachers thought they they should be available in each room
 - Cummings – did not want them
- Student Members
 - Yes, they should be available in each room

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

- Middle School
 - BAIP
 - Old phone system
 - VPL
- High School
 - Technology we use to augment our lessons
 - Student projects/work completed with the use of technology tools
 - IDL

- Laptop usage

5. Technology Night continued...

- Elementary School
 - VPL

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

- Training – in house – on Promethean board and other technology.
- Use of technology – User friendly
- Professional development regarding the use of Smart boards.
- Professional development in the use of research databases
 - Logging on, features available, etc.
- Training for VPL teachers
- Professional development on how to use IDL
- Local training

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

- We need, at the elementary level, a keyboarding instructor and tech. labs
- “I believe that using technology in the classroom – and encouraging and/or requiring students’ use of technology- does prepare them for the “real world”. This world is all about technology: ATM’s, GPSs, touch-screen voting machines. Even those who don’t attend college should be able to adapt to a technology-rich, ever changing world.”
- “No. Technology should be a tool that can help them be competitive in the workplace.”