

ELPS Technology Committee Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2015

4:15 PM High School Hub Facility

Attending: Lauren Anderson, Lauren Collier, Mary Wever, Jodi Spicer, Kali Root, Rob Voigt, Chris Dehaan, John Plough, Christian Palasty, Phil Booth

1. BOE Presentation: Christian reviewed the presentation that was presented at the Monday, January 12, 2015 Board of Education meeting. Also reviewed supporting data that compares projected budget versus actual expenditures for the major projects. Addressed inquiry about sale of assets and what has been sold thus far. Addressed inquiry about pre-bond brochure and if 'we have done what we said we would do'. The brochure will be uploaded to the district website along with the other pre-bond documentation. Also discussed the remaining bond funds and what to do with the money. Christian will provide a spreadsheet outlining future expenditures and projects and how that impacts the remaining amount.
2. March 13, 2015 Prof Dev: Discussed the possibility of combining DPPD hours into one day but the 13th is a conference offset day. Opinions vary on whether staff would attend or not. A survey is being considered to gauge the value in preparing a conference-style PD day. T&MS will start gathering local PD opportunities and providing them to the staff.
3. Facebook: Concerns raised about the lack of communication about the T&M department Facebook page. The page was being constructed and advertised according to our established timeline. The district will evaluate a similar Facebook page and other social media after we have an opportunity to review the process and time management related to the department page.
4. Twitter: There has been a request to unblock Twitter on the wireless network but the administrative directive has been to block social media until there is a policy in place. The BOE Policy Committee was established in the January 12th BOE meeting and I have been in contact with the BOE president, who also serves on the Policy Committee. The MASB 5202 policy is being edited and will be submitted to the BOE for their review and subsequent approval. When the policy is approved, we will review the social media situation and take our directive from the BOE and superintendent. The Information Item to the BOE and Policy Committee will be shared with the Tech Committee. If there is a social media PD in the district, T&MS can temporarily unblock the social media sites until said policy is in place.
5. MACUL: A lengthy conversation about PD resulted in the following items: A. The District will not pay for PD for ELEA members. B. The ELEA contract includes language related to PD and should be understood by all ELEA members. C. The T&MS department will not be sending classroom teachers to the 2014-15 MACUL conference.
6. M-STEP: Pinecrest will be taking the 2014-15 online assessment, all other buildings were submitted for the waiver. iPads will require external keyboards if they are used for the assessment. Question came up about buying cheap Chromebooks. This would result in a third device management application for an understaffed department and would require a conversation about the intent. Kali Root is spearheading the M-STEP for Pinecrest and will be

sending out more information as it becomes available.