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Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Notes
Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 4:30-6pm | District Office – Board Room

Present: Brad Pierce, Brian Runnalls, Diane Blankenship, Dietrich Baker, Lanna Duncan, Linda DiGiorgi, Lindsey Smith, Liza Klumpar, Mel Foster, Mike Marsh, Rosita Castellano, Sally Wheeler, Susan Templin, Thomas Hoghaug

Missing: Allen Culp, Emily Hunter, Jennifer Klassen, Susi Esson

Welcome

Student Email Accounts and Policies

Update: One component of the Office 365 suite is student emails. We are now at a point to start creating the policies and procedures for student emails. As well as the documentation that will be sent to parents. This is especially relevant with James Sales receiving the Apple Grant, as each student will need their own email for the iPads. Rolling out student emails will also be another step forward in the goal to move to one to one technology within the district. While enabling our district to build the foundation for interactive, collaboration, and instructional resources that will enhance the students learning both in and outside the district.

The emails will be set up like the newly adopted student logins methods, it will be their Student ID Number (lunch number) @fpsstudents.org and the password will be their birthdate in mmddyyyy format. Keeping the continuation of a standardized logon, with the goal of one logon for all resources.

The student emails will have the districts content filtering built in, we can discuss and build rules together to address future needs for identifying bullying/harassment words/phrases. If an email is sent with the key words/phrases an alert can then go to specific staff/administrators, to alert them of possible cyber bulling or other online educate issues.

Steps to creating student email policies

Update: Some avenues that IT, the district and the TAC will be looking at to help create the policies will be the governing bodies such as OSPI and WSSDA. As part of this development process, IT will be reaching out to other school districts throughout the region, such as Bellevue SD and discussing their policies and procedures. IT will also be looking to collaborate and seek examples of their policies and procedures for us to review and learn from.

Action: IT will be providing some of these as examples for us to build upon and discuss during the next TAC meeting.

Lenovo Yoga laptop first phase of piloting

Update: We have received feedback from the eight staff who have tested the Yoga. The feedback has been very positive. Some of the pros have been the best of both worlds – laptop and tablet, a real keyboard, charging cord is longer, small enough to carry around, screen size and the touch screen. Some of the cons were a slight lag time, no CD drive, a little heavier and no rear facing camera. A second round of teachers will be receiving the Yoga's this week for testing.

To address the lack of a rear facing camera, there are a lot of options we can explore such as a USB camera, flip cameras, have a couple of tablets at each school for teachers to check out and we can research other options.

We are never going to find the perfect device, we are going to need to find what is going to be the best overall. We have three options at this time that can accommodate what we are looking for. 1. The Dell Venue – which we are hearing a lot of grumblings about. 2. Lenovo Yoga – the front facing camera is missing. 3. Surface Pro – very expensive and the keyboards will be an issue again.

Bellevue School District 1:1 story

Update: Bellevue had a great presentation at the recent Tech Fest about how they are embracing technology and their 1:1 story. Bellevue has deployed over 2,000 Lenovo Yoga's. The presentation also goes over how they are using OneNote and how we should start embracing technology. When the notes from the TAC go out a copy of the presentation will be attached.

NCCE

Update: Franklin Pierce Schools was selected to present an "Overview of Intel Wireless Display (WiDi)" at the 2015 NCCE Conference in Portland Oregon in March. This is the largest education technology conference in the Northwest, with a membership base of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Besides the presentation at the conference, we were also selected to be highlighted in the Advance Program which will be distributed to over 25k educators nationwide. Presenting the classroom experience will be Mel Foster from Collins. Liza Klumpar, Brian Runnalls and Brad Pierce from IT will be presenting the selection, deployment and cost savings portion of the presentation. **Action:** If you are interested in attending the conference please Email Lindsey. IT will pay for your registration fee only.