

Technology Committee Meeting

3/29/18

Attendees: Steph H, Roz J, Brian M, Mary W, Linda L, Mary R, Sheila C, Sam C, Allison L, Beth B, James K, Amy R, Jan C, Lisa D

Finalsite:

Purchase order has been sent to Finalsite. We are waiting for the next step from them. The goal is to have the new site up and running by the beginning of next school year.

Budget Summary-

Hardware Refresh

Infrastructure Maintenance

We use E -Rate dollars on infrastructure and internet through the government. This gives us discounted telecommunication and internet access.

Improvements

Help Curriculum with budget issues up to 50,000 (This would be paid back to Technology. This would come from Technology capital allocation).

Do other districts do this [borrow money to other departments]?

What happens if we need the money? What if we have to replace all the cameras?

We would not have enough money to replace all the camera's as it is.

Borrow up to 50,000 to Curriculum and Instruction

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Laptop Carts

What is the direction are we with printing?

If we are going with laptop carts we would want to get feedback on printing.

The feedback will be that they want to continue printing. Most teachers are going to expect printers.

Printers do not appear in any of the options under Infrastructure. This would be a part of other considerations lumped into the copiers.

At what point do we just go just 1:1?

36 laptops in a cart. If we keep adding laptop carts and also replace labs with laptop carts at what point do we just go 1:1.

If we started looking at 1:1, we would need to start looking at lease financing.

Additional Support

How much is it going to cost for additional technology support? (ex. Troubleshooting logging in, problems)

Replacement Plan

Typically, when we have a lab replacement rotation of 5 years. If we move to laptops what would the rotation be?

We would stay with a 5-year rotation. We would need to get 4 full years.

If we are going with laptop carts we would need to buy spare laptops for each cart.

Testing

Where would all the testing take place?

Testing would take place in classrooms. Classrooms would just have to cover up materials on the wall.

Staff Feedback

From the surveys that were sent out to staff, the general opinion was yes but...

Alternative Plans

We should consider keeping at least 1 or 2 labs? It does not need to be all or none.

The media lab, Spartan lab, orange lab would stay regardless of what we decide with laptops.

What if we did summary one plus the laptop carts? Updated all labs and add two carts. Laptop carts would not elevate the need for labs.

A good compromise would be 2 labs with 2 carts and 2 EL Carts

Brian will create a new budget summary refreshing labs and 2 ELA carts and 1 RHS cart.