



ROCORI SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Agenda for the Technology Committee

May 24, 2018

Attendees: Mary H, Brian M, Mary W, Amy R, Sheila C, Mary R, Roz J, John T, Allison L, Lisa D, Mary S, Jake N

1. Update on new website progress.

Anita Hendrix was consulted on the website font: Railway was chosen.

Kayla and Brian have been getting trained on Finals site

Kayla is unofficially helping to get Finals site up and running.

Staff will not be required to do Finals site pages. Teachers can create their own teacher pages through Finals site.

Will the site be managed by one person?

There should be a full time position. If we want the website to be successful we should have a full time person doing it.

We are continuing into next year with the social media. Brian will check into if we signed a multi-year contract.

2. Quick budget numbers update.

510 per unit to replace of lab computers.

The committee should meet right away next year to get plans rolling for new technology projects.

3. Summer projects (Network, e-mail migrations, upgrades).

Richmond, Rockville, and the ALC will have work done on the network.

Email migration to be fully integrated onto Office 365 has been tested with the District Office's email accounts. Mostly successful except for a glitch with public folders that can be adjusted. The whole district will be integrated over the summer. There will be some brief interruptions but timelines will be emailed out prior to the disruption.



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Do we want to move away from rocori.k12.mn.us to something else (isd750.org, rocori.org, etc.)? Many schools are doing this we should think about if this is what we want to do. Everyone will still have access to their emails and would not lose any emails.

This could help instructionally save time with short emails especially at the elementary level.

We will first complete the email migration before considering any email switches.

Can we look into rocori.org now to see if it is available?

4. Smart panels in classrooms to replace boards (discussion).

Smart panels have reduced in price. It is part of a MX series of SMART Boards. Smart panels 2,500 dollars apiece. SMART Boards ran about 2,500 dollars with all the set up.

Some have speakers and there are Bluetooth options.

Will there be site visits or staff development?

We can make this happen. St. Boniface just put them in and Eden Valley has one as well.

5. Other.

Tech Integrationist-

What committee deals with this and how we are integrating technology into the classroom?

At this point the instructional coaches do this.

Mary Waite does do this. It is a part of the Media Specialist training. There is just not enough time to do as much of it.

1 to 1 devices-

There are people for this and against this. Right now the direction is encouraging students to bring devices from home.

Elementary have technology in the classroom. Not to a 1 to 1 degree but there are devices.

It might be interesting to see how we could do this in a pilot.

Through the Brightbytes survey most of our student feel like they have access at home.



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Feedback from Districts with a one to one policy are good and bad. It is great that students have the device but management becomes the problem.

If we talk further about one to one, we need to take into consideration the support that would be needed with the technology. We would require additional skilled technology support staff.