Technology Committee Meeting

3/14/18

Attendees: Sam C, Lisa D, Steph H, Beth B, Linda L, Jake N, Jan C, Brian M

Website

Feedback:

Are the cost proposals we received average costs? Are there other companies that would do the same for less money?

These options were the options that got back to Brian. It feels like pricing is all over the board. Part of the cost is support we will have.

Students wants a better search engine. Student get frustrated that you cannot simply search for something. This is also a big parent complaint. Do any of the options have a better search engine? We will need to make sure what every we choose has a better search engine.

This will have to be something we manage better as well as keeping content up to date.

It was mentioned at an admin. Meeting that we will need to have people assign the work of keeping content up to date. There will still needs to be District oversite. The sites need to be consistent.

How much is the price point difference between 1st and 2nd choice? 2,500 a year.

1. Finalsite
2. School Messanger
3. School Pointe

The website is a priority of the School Board. This was also part of the technology referendum. We should choose the best option.

Vote: Finalsite as the new web platform.

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Finalsite is the new website platform.

Brian will move forward with Finalsite. We would like to live with the site by fall.
Teacher pages should not be required. This will be brought to the Administration Team. We can have an updated directory without requiring a teacher page.

Computer Labs

Laptop Carts:

Administration have agreed to move forward with further discussion of laptop carts instead of replacing computer labs.

Are we comfortable having student use office 365 instead of network folders?

Office 365 Word is limited. We would need Word on the laptop and save in office 365.

The majority of staff are okay with moving to the laptop carts.

Printing:

If a printing is a priority, we should look into release stations or putting a printer on each cart.

Release stations would be a logistical nightmare with 30 plus students.

Most people will assume printing will be like it is now.

It would be better to have a printer per cart. There is still a lot of printing still happening. We are printing less than we used to but still a lot.

Charging? Management? Testing?

If the labs are turned into classes or other learning spaces, where will testing take place?

Other districts test directly in the rooms. It would be a lot more set up but it would work.

We will discuss this further at our regular meeting.