



ROCORI SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Agenda for the Technology Committee January 25, 2018

1. Budget review.

375,000

336,728.00 dollars for Renewals, Infrastructure, Improvements, Hardware Refresh
39,000 dollars to work with.

Next Meeting:

Talk about getting rid of the grant in the spring and start approving technology request year round.

2. Website hosting option: SchoolPointe.

SchoolBlocks has mixed reviews.

SchoolPointe contacted Brian. He as looked into SchoolPointe and it looks very good. Yellow Medicine East uses SchoolPointe. (isd2190.org) for a reference. Nice teacher page set up. Mobile App available. They can create templates for us.

3,300 set up

5,800 dollars a year.

They have their own support. Live chat.

What is the cost comparison to some of the bigger web development?

A big difference is that SchoolPointe has geared toward schools.

There should be a comparison between multiple web hosting companies.

The webpage is only as good as the people updating. It doesn't matter what web host we use, it has to be user friendly and easy to update.

We are going to need to be comply with ADA, American Disability Act. Our current site does not do this.

We should have a credible site that has been around a long time. We do not want to be a guinea pig.



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Brian will set up a webinar for SchoolPointe.

Please share other ideas with Brian.

3. Tech space follow up.

There was a huge expression of not using the flex space for a Tech space. It is a Middle School room so only Middle School would be able to use this space. When the RMS addition was made parents were assured that High School is their own space and would not be using the Middle School space. Having a District Tech space in the breakout room would go against this.

Are there other spaces available?

Secondary is unable to give up a classroom.

What about the Media Center?

It is a computer lab that can be reserved. It is also a classroom place.

If we are going to spend this kind of money, we want this space to be accessible at all times.

What is the purpose of the room? To simulate what a classroom could be like. How technology can enhance their class? Test technology.

It could be portable?

If it is portable who is responsible for set up? Who is responsible for take down?

SMART Boards are not being utilize to full capacity.

Teachers may not use the full SMART Board suite but they are using it to access computer and pull up PowerPoint.

This is what we offered teacher as an option initially.

What about the District board room?

It is used for many trainings and committee meetings.

Can they be held elsewhere? RHS conference room?

RHS conference room only seats 8 people. The District Committees are much larger.



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Don't teachers need training on this technology?

Teachers can bring classrooms. Teachers can test out technology.

There was a concern that this would turn into more of a Secondary Space.

Location has a big factor.

Many see this classroom as a staff development space.
Some see it as a space to bring classrooms into.

If it is for Staff Development, it should be located at the DEF?

Can Mike and Mary discuss further what this technology room is for?

It doesn't have to be the same purpose all the time?

Resources does not have to be fair. We just need it to be started somewhere.

Can the technology be split up?

One teacher gets a piece of technology and they also have to allow other teacher to try it?

Technology support is here. Travel is part of the job. Travel still becomes a factor.

If you put it in the DEF people will not access it because of the effort to travel.

Mike and Mary will clarify initial intentions of the room.

4. May 1st, free Office 365 training available in Edina.

Available to anyone.

Please follow regular staff development request processes (Even if the training is free you might need a sub paid for).

Brian is working on Now Micro to create some staff development opportunities with Office365.

ClassNote could potential replace Moodle. There are some early users. It is not perfect but many early users like it.

5. Minnetonka site visit.



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Thursday, April 5th, 2018

Kayla has registered a small group. If you are interested, please contact Brian.

6. Fear Factor class for staff and technology.

A lot of staff have fears about technology. There are fears about things not working right. They don't know how to use it and are nervous to try something new. Mike and Mary will be holding Fear Factor sessions on Technology. The sessions will be 30 minute.

Mary Waite offers staff development in technology. She caters to the requests she receives.

Mike and Mary's class is for across District. It may cover some of the same topics and they will call on others expertise when needed (such as Mary).

7. Portable Wi-Fi for buses.

Several portable Wi-Fi options. Is this something we want?

Wi-Fi is very locked down. Students can only access limited sites for school work. This would be a portable device. 300 dollars for the unit. The ongoing cost would depend on the plan.

Is this a need or is this a want?

A lot of student do homework on the bus.

It should be on regular buses before activity buses. We would want to do this for all buses. It would need to be an all or nothing.

We need to find out how much the student need this? Many can create their own hotspot.

Not everyone can do this.

We would need to talk the bus companies.

Eden Valley or Paynesville started using these.

More conversation needs to be had about this.

Attendees: Mary S, Jan C, Mary R, Jason W, Sheila Court, Brian M, Mary W, Beth B, Greg S, Allison L, Roz J, Linda L