



Technology Advisory Committee

Ridgeway Room, Washington High School

February 8, 2017

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Present: Allen Culp, Bianca, Ibarra, Brad Pierce, Brandon Feist, Brian Runnalls, Carolyn Treleven, Dr. Shaun Carey, Emilie Reynolds, Emily Lehnhoff, Lance Goodpaster, Lindsey Smith, Lynn Cawthra, Lynne Mackey-Moseley, Michelle Serdenia, Sally Wheeler, Seth Seastrum

Absent: Caitlyn Zwang, Derrick Pete, Jennifer Verkuyl, Joy Hara, Lanna Duncan, Linda DiGiorgi, Liza Klumpar, Tina Daniel

- **Canvas Conference**

- Based on their essays, Brandon Feist and Emily Lehnhoff have been chosen to attend the conference this July.
 - They will be learning everything they can about Canvas and bring their knowledge back to the district to share with everyone.

- **Canvas Student Access**

- We have received a request to have the student access to Canvas courses extended
 - Currently when a quarter ends, that day the student no longer has access to the course
 - In the secondary schools, students have an extended semester time frame where they can make up incomplete work.
 - We can extend the time frame that students can access a published course, but that is a district-wide decision.
 - The group consensus was that the extended semester is four weeks
 - IT will set student access at the secondary levels to four weeks after the term ends
 - The extended semester time frame can be reassessed later if we need to extend or shorten the four weeks

- **Update on the Learning Wall for secondary schools**

- As of this afternoon, February 8, 2017, the installation of the Learning Wall at GATES High School has been completed.
- IT, Facilities, district staff, architects, and engineers met to discuss what was included in the pilot as well as what was installed at GATES to ratify the standards.
 - IT sent the specs over to all involved this morning.
 - The information will be put out to RFP (Request For Proposal) for the final four secondary schools.
 - Due to the cost to install at the four remaining schools, we are required to send the project out to bid (RFP).
 - During mid-winter break, the four remaining schools will be walked to evaluate for installation.
 - The install timeframe is still set to be completed by the end of summer 2017.
 - The learning wall will include the Lenovo Yoga laptop for staff, the rolling white boards, ceiling mounted projector, microphone/AV system, document camera and rolling podium.

- Everything will be standardized with the knowledge that there will be some alterations that must happen based on the size of classrooms and configuration of the room.
- **SPED Computers District Wide**
 - Our next project after the deployment of N23 laptops at the elementary schools will be new computers for the SPED resource rooms and support centers.
 - We received 165 N23's that will be going into all of the resource rooms, along with 72 touch screen desktops that will be going into the support centers.
 - Our goal is to have the computers setup and deployed by the end of Mid-Winter break.
 - We are looking at some wall mounted lockers for the resource rooms to use with the N23's as laptop carts. These will be smaller as there will only be 15 per room.
- **Family Access**
 - Starting in March of this year the district will be turning on Family Access.
 - In March parents/guardians will be given their usernames and passwords and can go in and review the information in the system.
 - This will be a time for everyone to start getting familiar with the system.
 - In the Fall of 2017 we will be opening the online enrollment, hopefully eliminating the need to send home the large packet of information each year, parents/guardians will be able to go to Family Access and update/sign all their forms.
 - Parents/guardians will also be able to manage their SkyAlerts – what kinds of notifications they would like to receive and how.
 - More training will be coming for staff who will be approving the changes.
- **IT Newsletter**
 - As a department, we are trying to figure out the best way to get valuable information out to the district as well as training, tips, and tricks.
 - We find that with the Team Review our portion tends to be towards the bottom and not seen/overlooked.
 - We are thinking about doing a once a month one-page newsletter that contains all the relevant information, and we can link to training videos, helpful links, important dates to remember and much more.
 - Another component would be highlighting a staff member who is using technology in an innovative way. We may even be able to add a video clip of the technology in action.
- **Atomic Learning**
 - The question came up about Atomic Learning and how many staff is using it.
 - Brad ran a report a few weeks ago, and this school year only about 20 staff have signed in and watched a tutorial, of those only a couple, have watched more than one tutorial.
 - We are looking at more cost-effective alternatives that will hopefully be used more.
 - Why are staff not using Atomic Learning?
 - They have not heard of it
 - The Safe Schools Training takes up a large portion of spare time, and they do not have the time to watch more.

- Atomic Learning is very generic, we do have some district-specific training in there, but most do not relate to the district.
 - Staff have heard about Atomic Learning but are not sure what it is.
 - Lynne Mackey-Mosley recently saw a program called ATIA training that includes badges and staff can earn certificates for completing training that could go on resumes. She will send the information about the program when she finds it.
- **ISTE Award Application**
 - ISTE is a national technology organization.
 - IT has attended their conference the last few years. This year we would like to apply for one of the awards that they give out the Distinguished District Award, <https://www.iste.org/getinvolved/recognize-excellence/awards/award-detail?AwardTypeID=5>
 - This award is given to a school system that exhibits effectiveness and innovation in technology.
 - It focuses on two areas, widespread implementation, and innovation.
 - We would like to apply for this with a focus on the recent N23 deployment at the elementary schools.
 - Part of the application includes project artifacts.
 - We would like to add testimonials/quotes from staff who have received the N23's, and they are using the N23's and how it has impacted their classroom environment and students.
 - Please send these to Brad Pierce.
- **Technology Plan**
 - Every four years the district puts together a technology plan, outlining what we want to accomplish in the next four years.
 - The current one is about to expire, and we have accomplished much of what was outlined in the plan.
 - Liza will be sending the current plan to the TAC and ask for suggestions/recommendations for the new plan. She will also include a deadline for when she needs the responses.
 - Once the plan is created, it will go to the School Board for approval and then onto OSPI.
- **Screenagers Documentary**
 - Recently several of the districts councilors went to a screening of *Screenagers*.
 - This is a documentary that talks about social media, video games, academics and Internet addiction in youth and the research behind screen time.
 - <http://www.screenagersmovie.com/>
 - The Keithley PTA will be hosting a screening of the documentary this fall.
 - Carolyn will share when the screen is once dates get finalized.