



Technology Advisory Committee

Franklin Pierce High School – Corrigan Room

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4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Present: Adam Williamson, Alicia Rogers, Anzhelika Budinger, Bianca Ibarra, Brad Pierce, Bradon Feist, Brian Runnalls, Emilie Reynolds, Joy Hara, Joyce Knowles, Kamesha Herd, Linda DiGiorgi, Lindsey Smith, Liza Klumpar, Lynn Cawthra, Lynne Mackey-Mosley, Mike Marsh, Seth Seastrum, Willie Painter, Obe Quarless, Jonathan Chestang

➤ **Levies**

- Two Levies will be running on the February election
- Both are 4-year levies
- Tech Levy provides about \$2 Million a year over the next 4-years
- Only requires a 50% plus 1 to pass
- The tax rates will be staying the same
- The challenge this time is that this is a special election and we expect lower than normal turn out
- Lots of ways to volunteer such as phone banking, yard signs and sign waiving

➤ **DORA Student Demo**

- It has been announced in the Team Review that DORA for students is coming soon
- IT has met with Teaching and Learning to come up with the top 3 programs for Elementary and Secondary students
- **Secondary Students**
 - Will have access to:
 - Canvas
 - Office 365
 - Grades Online
 - Science Dimensions
 - Students will have the same experience to sign into DORA as staff
 - All will be single sign on except for Science Dimensions – students will still need to sign in at this point. We are working on getting single sign on working with the vendor
 - Students will also have access to their MyFiles (H:drive and OneDrive) from anywhere along with the online Office Suite
- **Elementary Students**
 - Will have access to:
 - Canvas
 - ConnectED
 - Science Dimensions
 - ThinkCentral
- Students will need to sign in with their own student login, they can not use the generic student login and have access to DORA

➤ **Student Emails**

- We will be adding student emails to grades 6th – 8th in the coming weeks
- We will send out communication to the staff

➤ **Canvas**

○ **What's New?**

- Usage continues to increase we currently have 3,500+ students who have logged into Canvas this school year into 860 courses

▪ **Quizzes.next**

- Teachers can create quizzes that include stimulus questions that model those found in the SBA testing
- There are hotspot questions which have an image a student can click on, and the information is provided, these are like the hot text questions in the SBA tests
- This is a great way to help prepare our students for the SBA testing

▪ **Copy documents from one course to the next**

- You can export your course context from one course to another with out having to redo everything
- Can be found under settings in the course
 - Export the document, save it and then upload it to another course

○ **Best practices for using Canvas vs Microsoft Suite**

- T and L and IT are working on a way for in programs such as Microsoft TEAM that the dialog / chat feature can be documented and recorded
 - Canvas chat is recorded, and teachers can view the chats
- OneNote has a lot of assistive technology built into it that can be tied into Canvas
- With Canvas rosters and courses are built in from Skyward eliminating the need to create groups
- In canvas you can create videos for students who may need some additional assistance, have been absent or if the teacher is absent they can record their lesson and have the substitute present it

○ **Parent's App**

- With the increased use of Canvas by staff and students it is now time to look at using the parent app
- Parents are wanting to get involved in Canvas
- Parents can:
 - Download the app or sign in from a computer
 - View assignments and due dates
 - Set reminders
 - Grades – would be able to see only assignments that are graded using Canvas
 - Course announcements
- Would be more of an awareness feature for parents
- May want to do a small pilot group first

➤ **Password Resets**

- We are piloting a couple of password reset tools to give teachers the ability to reset their passwords from anywhere
- We are also piloting a program that will allow staff to reset student passwords. Currently we are piloting this at the high schools