



## Technology Advisory Committee

Ridgeway Room, Washington High School

October 25, 2017

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**Present:** Adam Williamson, Alicia Rogers, Anzhelika Budinger, Bianca Ibarra, Brad Pierce, Brandon Feist, Brandy Japhet, Brian Runnalls, Dr. Frank Hewins, Emily Lehnhoff, Joy Hara, Joyce Knowles, Kamesha Herd, Linda DiGiorgi, Lindsey Smith, Liza Klumpar, Lynn Cawthra, Lynne Mackey-Mosley, Mike Marsh, Sally Wheeler, Seth Seastrum, Willie Painter

### ➤ **Technology Levy**

- The last Technology and Operations and Education Levy was approved in 2014. This is a four-year levy.
- The District will be running a replacement levy on the February 13, 2018, special election.
- This is a replacement levy and is not expected to increase taxes; they should stay the same or even decrease.
- Takes a simple majority to pass, 50% plus 1.
- It will take everyone's help to get the word out, and there will be lots of opportunities.
- There will be three levy meetings that everyone is welcome to attend to help with the planning:
  - December 13<sup>th</sup>
  - January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - January 31<sup>st</sup>

### ➤ **Student Email**

- **Grades 9-12**
  - Students email access in grades 9-12 within the district coming soon.
  - Students will be able to email fellow students and staff but not anyone outside of the district.
  - There will be a desktop icon for students to use until DORA is launched for students.
  - The use of student email will open the opportunities for enrollment and use of certain programs such as OneNote and collaboration tools in Canvas.
- **Pilot – Elementary and Middle Schools**
  - IT is looking to pilot email with a few TAC members within the elementary and middle schools.
- **OneNote**
  - With students now being able to access OneNote within the high schools, an excellent resource for staff to become more familiar with OneNote is Atomic Learning.
  - Linda DiGiorgi has done OneNote training in the past and will be offering trainings again. Staff will be able to sign up through ProDev.

## ➤ Canvas

### ○ Canvas Conference

- Brandon Feist and Emily Lehnhoff attended the Canvas conference this summer.
- Brandon shared that Ford MS staff plan is to start small. They began with their Humanities team (about 15 staff), and the idea is to use Canvas with their students once a week.
  - Now that they are more comfortable with Canvas they are using it more.
  - The next step is to start reaching out to other teaching groups within Ford.
- An exciting feature that they saw at the conference that is coming is a quiz feature that is very similar to the SBA style of testing.
- Last year our peak users were in April and was 1,340 users in Canvas.
- As of October 24<sup>th</sup>, the district has:
  - 3,470 users
  - 719 courses
  - 215 teachers
  - 3,466 students
- Thank you for the TAC and Teaching and Learning for taking Canvas and running with it.
- Linda and Adam are great resources for Canvas questions.
- Teachers at Washington are taking advantage of Canvas for students that were absent and giving them access to review and complete their missing school work.
  - While students are out the teachers can see their students work in real time.
- What's next?
  - Transitioning the instructional content to Teaching and Learning and IT to provide system support.

## ➤ DORA

### ○ Statistics

- We had a few bumps in the road when we went live with Dora on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The most work orders we received in one day was 25.
- We are happy to report that in the last two weeks have had no work orders for DORA.
- There is an average of 1,300 logins into DORA daily.
- The top Apps that are clicked on are Skyward, Office 365, Grades Online, ProDev and Canvas.
- **Full Launch**
  - The goal is to do a slow launch of DORA out to students starting on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Just like we have done with the staff launch, not all programs that students use will be a part of the initial launch.
- **Priorities**
  - IT has a list of about 75 apps that at some point we will include in DORA.
  - To help figure out which apps should be added next, we did a Poll Everywhere of the TAC.
    - Brad will be taking the data from the poll and comparing this to the list we have and see which ones we can add.

➤ **Browser Standardization**

- **Chrome**
- IT will be moving our officially supported web browser to Chrome.
- This is an effort to support all online and web resources the district uses.
- The other browsers will still be available, but IT will no longer be actively deploying or supporting the other browsers unless there is a specific requirement by a vendor.

➤ **Technology Approval List**

- IT has started to work on an interactive approved technology software, hardware, and resources site.
- The list will be a live, searchable document that can be searched by the technology name.
- Each app will have detailed information, e.g., request date, requester, approved date, etc.
- The technology approval form will be in Informed K12 (formerly known as ChalkSchools) sometime in December.

➤ **Future Meetings**

- Everyone agreed that Wednesdays from 4:30-6pm still works.
- Lindsey will send out meeting invites for the rest of the school year.