

## Technology Advisory Committee

Ridgeway Room, Washington High School

November 15, 2017

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**Present:** Adam Williamson, Alicia Rogers, Anhelika Budinger, Brad Pierce, Brandon Feist, Brandy7 Japhet, Brian Runnalls, Dr. Frank Hewins, Dr. Shaun Carey, Emilie Reynolds, Emily Lehnhoff, Joy Hara, Joyce Knowles, Kamesah Herd, Linda DiGiorgi, Lindsey Smith, Liza Klumpar, Lynn Cawthra, Lynne Mackey-Mosley, Mike Marsh, Seth Seastrum

### ➤ Canvas

- Canvas Commons
  - Think of this as the Canvas Cloud
  - The only way to use the same document in different classes or grading periods is to save it to the Commons if you do not want others to see your document do not check any of the boxes
- Secondary Usage of Canvas
  - Adam was at an ELA content meeting where 70% of the attendees have integrated Canvas into their work and ready to move to the second level
  - Next ProDev Canvas Sessions will be on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
- Grading Periods
  - Teaching and Learning (T&L) is considering moving the grading period for all courses in Canvas to July 31st, allowing teachers and students re-assess work
- Collaboration Function
- T&L is using the Collaboration function as a way to have a group of staff evaluates the potential curriculum; this allows all to be able to add to the same rubric simultaneous increasing productivity
- Substitutes and Absent students
  - Teachers are uploading lessons/homework and directing absent students to their courses Canvas page to access missed lessons/homework
  - Teachers who have to be out of the classroom for some reason can upload lessons/homework, and monitor students work and communicate with them in real time
  - Teachers can record lessons for when they will be out by using the video recording feature

### ➤ HoverCam Ultra 8

- Adam has completed training at FPHS and GATES along with ProDev training
- Will be doing training at FMS this Friday
- Once WHS and KMS's learning walls are complete Adam will do training there as well
- The question has been asked if the Flex10 App could be installed on student machines?
- The new document camera allows the teacher to annotate on the computer screen; they can also record this and then upload it to Canvas

### ➤ Teachers new device survey results

- The first 130 Yoga S1's are coming to the end of their lease

- Leasing allows the district to refresh the computers every three years
- In preparation for the refresh, IT sent out a survey to those who have the 130 Yoga S1's
  - IT received some good feedback about how often the computers are used, taken home, carried around the classroom and what features are the most important
  - The top five priorities are as follows: portability, touch screen, screen size, CD/DVD drive, tablet mode and pen/stylus
- The replacement for the Yoga S1 is the Yoga 370 which is becoming a higher end more expensive model.
- There is a Yoga 11e that has just come out that IT is looking at
  - It is a little heavier laptop, which could result in it being sturdier
  - Specked to have a 10-hour battery life
  - The Yoga 11e has an i3 processor, 8gigs of RAM and 128gig SSD
- The cost of the Yoga 370 is about \$1500 a laptop; the Yoga 11e runs about \$850

➤ **Student email update and launch date**

- Starting on December 1<sup>st</sup>, all 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students will have access to district email
- Their email will be [IDNumber@fpsschools.org](mailto:IDNumber@fpsschools.org) (123456@fpsschools.org)
- Until students have access to DORA, there will be an email icon on the desktop
- Students will be able to communicate with other students and staff in the school that they attend
- More information will be coming out before the launch
- A discussion came up of adding an automatic confidentiality disclaimer to all emails
  - This is something that can be added
- Brandon, Emily Lehnhoff, and Sally would like to pilot emails in their classrooms

➤ **Teacher/Parent email notification via Skyward**

- Soon teachers will be able to send parents/guardians notifications, emails and post information to the Family Access Center in Skyward via their teacher access
- Annette Burnett in T&L will be sending out more information

➤ **Software Center**

- IT will be retiring the current software library (KACE) and replacing it with a new simplified, easier to use Software Center at the end of the month
- All approved programs, curriculum, and DVD's will be found in the Software Center
- When installing software, you will see the status of the installation and in most cases will not need to do anything after clicking install
- Approved curriculum that is on a DVD can be added to Canvas, the Software Center or Office 365 depending on the material, this allows for access to the material without needing the actual DVD
  - If you have something you would like to add, please put in an IT Work Order and make sure that IT has the DVD's, disks, etc

➤ **Educational Programs and Operations and Capital Levy**

- At the November 14<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting, two resolutions were passed to proceed forward with the Educational Programs and Operations Levy along with the Capital Levy to be on the February Special Election