

School Improvement Team Meeting 4/24/19

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Topics Discussed:

Technology:

The team discussed concerns about our current technology including laptop and Ipad carts. Teachers noted that the laptops were requiring attention since keys were broken or missing and some of the devices were getting older. Teachers also mentioned concerns over the technology not being properly stored: individual devices not plugged in, the cart not being plugged into the wall, and not being stored away in its proper location overnight. We will revisit the correct locations for nightly storage and next year create a rotating schedule for evening storage. Fifth grade teachers do have some technology helpers assigned that plug devices in at the end of the day.

Teachers also mentioned that they are having a difficult time getting access to technology, often times the Ipads or laptops they have signed up for have been taken already or there are not enough remaining that work to use for their entire class. Please remember to use the calendar to sign up for the cart and make sure you are not signing up on top of another teacher's time slot. We discussed whether or not the cart should only be utilized if you are planning to sign up for the entire cart. It is difficult to keep track of the cart when multiple teachers are working off of the same cart and it becomes more difficult to hold students accountable for damages to the devices if we do not know who used it last.

Previously storage assignments for laptops:

Rm 202- Price- Ipad upstairs cart

Rm 200- Little- Green cart- put in work room

Rm 203 Corbin- Pink cart

Rm 241- Leeds- Purple cart

Rm 218 Parsons- Red cart

Media center- downstairs Blue laptop cart and Ipad cart

Please help teachers assigned to house these carts get them into their rooms and plugged in nightly.

The technology team may need to look into these concerns. The laptops need to be relabeled on each cart. Would the carts need to be inventoried and repaired prior to the 5th grade Science EOG?

Mrs. Bruestle will speak with Artem Avramenko about this issue.

Response: Both red and green laptop carts will be replaced this summer.

If you see a laptop that needs repairs please submit a work order.

The team also discussed teaching lessons to the students on how to properly use and take care of technology, like those that used to be given by our technology teachers. This would be a great time to review the acceptable use policy with the students. Mrs. Washington added that NearPod has many of these lessons ready and available.

During this time the team also discussed personal devices in the classroom and how they are impacting our environment. We decided that maybe a student/parent contract should be made for next year and guidelines for personal devices at school should be added to the student handbook.

Homework:

Reflections from previous meeting:

Each grade level met and discussed homework and grading practices. The team divided up into the following groups, K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. They created a chart with their nightly homework expectations in each subject area and then the charts were all combined. We discussed how we thought there was a natural progression of homework throughout the grade levels. The amount of homework assigned in each grade level appeared developmentally appropriate for that grade level. We discussed how upper

grades often have time in class to complete assignments, but when those assignments are not completed students have them for homework. We noticed a trend between students who are proactive and complete homework in a timely manner, utilizing available school time and those who have more difficulty putting first things first in school and therefore often have more homework because of their time management.

Grade levels also met to discuss grading. This will be discussed at our next SIT meeting.