

January 10, 2024 | Central Avenue - Library | 4:30 – 6:00 PM – Notes

Present: Melissa Cataldo, Helen Craig, Linda DiGiorgi, Brandon Feist, Joy Hara, Jesse Hinds, Bianca Ibarra, Liza Klumpar, Kristina McCrossin, Ramon Paz, Renee Rouleau White, Melannie Sanders, Lindsey Smith, Karen Wee, Sally Wheeler

➤ **Welcome**

○ **Tech Levy**

- Liza wants to make sure that IT is being transparent with how the funds are spent in IT.
- Part of the recent budget survey asked two questions about should technology be leased for 2 years vs 5 years
 - Starting next month IT will start to present the reasons behind the decision to lease laptops for 3 years
- We need to start looking at some of our technology especially the technology that is in phase 2 learning wall schools (Midland, Elmhurst, Christensen, GATES) as this technology is getting older
 - What do we need to be looking at to replace the projectors, white boards?
 - Need to start looking at talking points for the community for the next Tech Levy initiative
- We need to start finding ways to streamline and save money
 - Look at analytics of programs to see what is being used and by how many
 - Are there programs that you know of that you think that we could cut because we have something different that does the same thing? If you do let Liza know.

○ **Zoom**

- In the coming weeks/months there will be communication that we will be moving from the Zoom video conferencing platform to TEAMS
 - TEAMS is a part of the Microsoft Suite we already pay for
 - Zoom is an added expense as we must pay for the Educational Licenses
 - With TEAMS being a part of the Microsoft Suite, it has some added features that are nice for scheduling such as you can use the scheduling assistant to see staff's outlook calendars.
 - The use of TEAMS and Zoom are similar
 - Students at this point will not be a part of the TEAMS video conferencing
 - More information will be going out in the March Team Review
 - This could be a good program to Pilot the EdTech Tips and Tricks
 - Put videos/tutorials on how to use TEAMS for staff to use

- **Canvas**
 - If you are struggling with using Canvas or a specific aspect of Canvas, please reach out to Linda for assistance
- **Qmlativ Mobile App**
 - The mobile app will be available starting next week for staff to download
 - A simplified version of the web version
 - A discussion followed about the IEP flags in Qmlativ and the flow of information from IEP Online and Qmlativ. This is something that needs to be investigated further with Teaching and Learning Services

➤ **Gale in Context**

- Gale in Context is a research-based service that the district subscribes to thru the Washington State Library system
- There are different icons in DORA for students based on their grade, the different grade levels will provide search results that are appropriate for students of that grade level
 - Gale in Context: Elementary
 - Gale in Context: Middle School
 - Gale in Context: High School
 - Gale in Context: Global Issues
- Teachers will also have Gale Pages that can have district agreed upon topics to assist in driving traffic to specific sites
- There are thousands of topics in Gale for students to research
- The articles in Gale are fact-based articles
- A straightforward way for students to search for topics that could get them blocked on a traditional google search if they were not doing a Boolean search
- Teachers can curate specific links to topics for the students to search thru or the students can search freely
- Can connect to Canvas
- The context can be translated into many languages
- Students can annotate right on the page and create bibliography notes with a click of a button
- Educator training
 - On the bottom of the home page teacher can go to Educator Resources then teacher tools
 - Can browse by standards
- Look at putting more information about Gale in Context in the next Team Reviews to help share the tool

➤ **Google Scholar**

- Like Gale in Context students and staff can go to scholar.google.com and have a safe way to search for research-based articles
- Can create your own library and favorites sites
- Unlike Gale in Context, Google Scholar searches may result in some higher level content where Gale will provide grade level content searches

- **Pilot of Student Monitoring Software Rubric Discussion**
 - Class Policy and Securly Classroom
 - In the spring of last year, a teacher or two from each school was given the opportunity to pilot Class Policy
 - At the time Class Policy was the only one available for us to pilot, we now have Securly Classroom
 - Teachers who want to pilot must pilot both programs equally and fill out the Rubric for each program
 - Everyone will start Class Policy and then move to Securly Classroom
 - Please email Liza and Linda if you are interested in piloting the student monitoring software
 - The software that is chosen in the end will not be implemented district wide until next school year

- **Teacher Ease Gradebook Update**
 - There is going to be a small focus group lead by Teach and Learning Services to talk about the philosophy of standard based grading
 - More understanding if teachers are using Standard Based Grading and if not why
 - Look at the underlying reasons and beliefs behind Standard Based Grading

- **Adjourn**

Schedule for the 2023/2024 School Year

Date	Meeting Type	Time	Location
February 7, 2024	Group	4:30 – 6:00 PM	JMAC – Boardroom
March 6, 2024	Breakout	4:30 – 6:00 PM	James Sales – Library
April 3, 2024	Group	4:30 – 6:00 PM	JMAC – Boardroom
May 15, 2024	Breakout	4:30 – 6:00 PM	Collins – Library
June 5, 2024	Group	4:30 – 6:00 PM	JMAC - Boardroom