

## February 7, 2024 | JMAC – Board Room | 4:30 – 6:00 PM – Notes

**Present:** Melissa Cataldo, Helen Craig, Linda DiGiorgi, Brandon Feist, Joy Hara, Kamesha Herd, Jesse Hinds, Bianca Ibarra, Terry Johnson, Liza Klumpar, Kristina McCrossin, Ramon Paz, Melannie Sanders, Lindsey Smith, Karen Wee, Sally Wheeler

### ➤ Welcome

#### ○ Tech Levy

- As we stated in the last meeting, we want to be transparent with how Tech Levy is spent.
- Tech Levy gets funding from 3 main sources: Tech Levy Collections, eRate, and other which primarily consists of Student Device protection plan and restitution
- eRate is a federally funded program thru the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
  - Schools apply for federal funding to assist in paying for telecommunications and information services
  - The FCC awards funds based on the percent of students in the district who are eligible for the National Free Lunch Program
  - Our district is currently at 86% funding
  - Part of eRate is making sure that we are adhering to CIPA, COPPA, and FERPA privacy acts and rules
- The chart below shows how much was collected in 2023, actual numbers

Funding Source	Amount Collected in 2023
Tech Levy Collections	\$3,100,310.64
eRate	\$232,178.40
Admin Cell Phones	\$2,514.75
Student Device Protection & Restitution	\$4,514.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,339,518.24</b>

- The chart below shows the different expense lines and the amount that was paid out in 2023 using Tech Levy Funds

Item	Amount spent in 2023
Main Account (Misc.)	\$ 3,817.35
Network Infrastructure	\$ 171,052.26
Security Cameras	\$ 31,507.70
New Computers (Staff & Student, document cameras)	\$ 937,390.45
Admin Technology	\$ 1,041.58
Fiber	\$ 194,116.32
VoIP	\$ 287,256.03
Other Software	\$ 59,625.76

Utilities	\$	104,815.27
Bell & Clocks	\$	145,106.35
Access Control	\$	2,907.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,938,636.43</b>

○ **Learning Wall Upgrades for Phase 2**

- This is going to be an ongoing agenda item as we need to start creating a plan for the phase 2 schools (Christensen, Elmhurst, Midland, and GATES) as their systems are now the oldest in the district and starting to fail.
- As a group we need to start thinking about what we want to replace the failing equipment with, mainly the projectors.
- There are 3 options we can go with
  - Replace the current projectors with new ones
    - This would be expensive
    - Need to look at who is responsible for cleaning/replacing the filters
  - TVs mounted on the walls
    - The least expensive option
    - Could have a large screen TV mounted on an articulating arm
    - Would be able to project to it from both student and staff laptops as well as the document cameras
  - Interactive Panels
    - We have two in the district we are currently testing, and Liza has an appointment with OneScreen to look at another options
    - These would also be expensive, around \$2,700 a piece
- If you are interested in testing an interactive panel, please email Liza
- The hope is that the TAC can create a rubric for testing the different options and have a recommendation of what we want to move forward with along with an outline of professional development for the teachers ready by the end of the year for Liza to present to the Cabinet

○ **TEAMS Conference**

- Starting March 11<sup>th</sup>, the districts conferencing platform will be TEAMS
- At the start of remote learning during COVID the district piloted both TEAMS and Zoom
  - It was determined that Zoom would be easier to transition to since we did not have the ability to train staff on how to use TEAMS but that we would transition to TEAMS later
- TEAMS is included in the Microsoft Office Suite we already purchase while Zoom is an additional fee each year that is costly.
- We have tested TEAMS, and it will offer the same features as Zoom did, just in a slightly different way in some cases
- Roll Out
  - Will be in the February Team Review
  - Three step training approach
    - In Person

- We will have 7 dates and times where staff can come to the district office to receive a quick 30-minute training followed by 15-minutes of Q&A time
  - Informal Drop-In
    - The week of March 4<sup>th</sup> Linda will host multiple TEAMS meetings where staff can drop in and test out features and ask questions
  - Independent
    - We are creating a FAQ sheet as well as a training resource that will have links to YouTube and Microsoft training videos that staff can watch
    - This will be housed in DORA in the Remote Communications Resources folder
- IT will test the IEP online handoff on non-district network to mimic the experience that families will have
- **Homework**
  - Start to think about what the EdTech Tips will look like, where will it be housed, what should we include in it?
- **Teacher Ease**
  - Liza shared the feedback from the TAC to Teaching and Learning who is now working on Teacher Ease
  - Currently they are looking at the philosophy of standard based grades
- **Next Meeting – Breakout Groups**
  - We will be focusing on the EdTech Tips

➤ **Adjourn**

**Schedule for the 2023/2024 School Year**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
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