Present

Ryan Alruwaily

Janelle Biggs

Brett Brown

Cheryl Brumett

John Conner

Robert Cundiff

Brian Golish

Scott Hannah

Dane Hinds

Paul Hubbard

Annette Hummel

Gail Lewis

Mark Lyman

Christine Martin

Tamara Medina

Mandy Mourer

William Niles

Christina Orr

Michael Orr

Karen Petersen

Jacob Roskovensky

Jarren Sauceda

Caleb Seripinas

Joshua Smith

Cheryl Swafford

Kelly Truex

Andrea VanLeer

2023 Summer Refresh Update
Our 2023 Summer Device Refresh will be going to the Board of Education tonight. Our vendor informed us that they have not been seeing shipping delays on devices lately so our order should process quickly. We are starting to see devices come up on our refresh that were purchased with ESSER funds. We are currently focusing on summer refresh devices only. As our Techs go through their buildings, if they find items that need replaced, we will work on replacing them.

Timothy Hubbard asked if we are going to need help this summer for the refresh process. Annette responded that we will, once again, ask for help with this.

Andrea VanLeer asked if we will provide a preparation checklist for building staff before the summer refresh process. Annette Hummel commented that we will have CRPs collect the teacher laptops that are not going to go home with staff and share a list of the ones that were taken home, but that will probably be all that is needed.

Skyward Q – Sandbox
We are following along the checklist Skyward has for migrating to Q and we are on track. Cheryl & Dane are going through to make sure we are doing what is required in the timeline. Skyward is monitoring us to make sure we are up to date in preparation. We will continue to keep staff updated on this migration project.

Preparation for Professional Development Day
MaryEllen asked Annette to pass along that the plans for the Professional Development day this Friday are still the same. There is going to be another opportunity for PD in April. We also want to remind everyone about AVID Summer Institute. If you are interested in going let MaryEllen Bunton know.

Building Concerns / Needs
Bob Cundiff commented that his building is in need of chromebook chargers. Students are losing them and/or not coming to school with them so they cannot charge their device at school. Annette asked if the chromebook cases with pouch for the charger are helping. Mandy Mourer said they are helping but some students use that area to store other things.

Tamara Medina asked about a form letter for student charges on damage to a device or charger. Annette replied that this is still a work in progress.

Timothy Hubbard asked about the second IT Tech position for South View. He stated he is doing extra work to help out but is eager to get this Tech position filled soon.

Gail Lewis commented that Edison teachers are still struggling with having only one laptop, since it is always connected to the smartboard and their desks aren't by the smartboard. Annette asked if teachers were utilizing the Wacom tablets. Gail stated she is probably the only one working with it right now. Cheryl Swafford said Liberty is struggling with this as well. Tim Hubbard commented that he uses a blue tooth keyboard & mouse to connect to the Smartboard and laptop. If he is drawing, he tends to use the Wacom.

Brian Golish, DHS, commented that they've had some issues when staff gets moved to a different room and network drops/plug ins were not where they need them. Annette

commented that the school should contact the IT Department if there is a need for a room change. If the request is due to a staff member wanting to move something to another location, then the school has to pay for the network drop(s) and plugins, and it is getting very costly to make these changes. We understand that sometimes a room needs to be reconfigured, but the IT Department should be included in changes where more expense is involved for data drops and so on.

Andrea VanLeer, DHS, asked if there was a plan in place for student chromebook/device collection and storage this summer. Normally everything gets stored in the library, but since it is under construction she wanted to ask. Mr. Roskovensky commented that he was told there would be a teacher classroom designated to store books over the summer. He is under the impression that he is going to have some kind of room to store other items, such as devices, but he is not aware of definite plans yet. We hope to get more information to share on this soon.

Janelle Biggs, KDBA, commented that their summer school is going to be based out of Edison this year. She normally has chromebooks for this but was asking if she would need to move her chromebooks there. This is another area we need to get more information about and re-visit.

Tamara Medina asked how student chromebook cases will be handled for the end of the year. Annette reiterated that students are to keep their chromebook case and use the following year.   If schools want to collect them for the summer they can, but students can also keep them to re-use the following year. They do not come back to the IT Department and are not a part of the summer refresh. Schools can replace the case when they determine there is a need for it.

Mandy Mourer, North Ridge, asked if they should collect the chromebook cases from 7th graders, and have the 8th graders keep theirs so they can use them at the high school. Annette commented that may be best, but the high school has preferred using the clear book bags over the past few years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38am
The next Virtual Tech P.I.E. meeting will be Wednesday, April 19th, 2023