TECHNOLOGY P.I.E. MEETING

[Problems, Issues, & Events]

February 15, 2023

Present

Ryan Alruwaily
Janelle Biggs
Brett Brown
Cheryl Brumett
MaryEllen Bunton
John Conner
Robert Cundiff
Nathaniel Gleason
Brian Golish
Scott Hannah
Dane Hinds
Paul Hubbard
Annette Hummel
Christine Martin
Tamara Medina
William Niles
Karen Petersen
Jessica Poulson
Alan Rivers
Jacob Roskovensky
Jarren Sauceda
Caleb Seripinas
Joshua Smith
Cheryl Swafford
Michelle Troxel
Kelly Truex
Andrea VanLeer
Melissa Willer

2023 Summer Refresh

The Tech Department is reviewing the list of devices that need to be replaced. The order recommendation will be going to the Board of Education on March 15th. We were recently informed by ITsavvy that supply has improved a lot over the past several months and orders have been processing fairly quick, which is great news.

Skyward Q – Sandbox

Administrative assistant staff should be training in the Skyward Q sandbox by now. If you have not logged in yet, please try to do so soon to familiarize yourself with the new platform. You should also watch the general accessibility training videos in the hub. If you need help you can contact Cheryl Brumett at ext. 1031, Dane Hinds at ext. 1096, or the Skyward Help Desk at ext. 3081. There currently is no desktop link to the sandbox but Cheryl or Dane will send out the link to the CRP's today. Training will be forthcoming for CRP's and teachers. The switch to Q will take place the last week of June.

There was a question from South View, asking if they would be moving to the gradebook in Q and MaryEllen responded that they will continue to use Teacher Ease. There was also a question about how this will affect Summer School. MaryEllen responded that we are working out the details and trying to make it very minimal. Bob Cundiff stated that teachers mainly use Skyward for Attendance & Discipline. He was asking if this change for them will be big and MaryEllen responded that it should be a pretty easy change. The platform change will mainly affect secretaries/administrative assistant staff.

Preparation for Professional Development Days

MaryEllen Bunton sent the spreadsheet out yesterday for the February 17th Professional Development schedule. Contact your building administrator if you are not sure where you are supposed to go.

Chromebook Check-out Limit

One of the CRP's asked if there was a limit of how many chromebooks can be checked out by a student when they keep losing or breaking one. The chromebook is part of our student learning. As we go forward, a lot of the curriculum is moving to digital. We need to let the student and their parents know that a charge is going on the student's account for a lost chromebook or device. We should contact the parent/guardian by phone & follow-up with sending a letter home so we have that point of reference. If a student is on their 3rd chromebook, it should be issued for school use only and cannot go home with the student. They will need to be given a paper copy of all homework or given time during the school day or after for the digital work to be done. If a remote learning day is planned, paper copies will need to be sent home for these students. We will work on getting a form letter that can be used to send to parents when a student loses their device. If a charge is added in Follett for a device or accessory, the charge does not transfer to Skyward. The techs & LRCs need to work together on charges to a student for damage to their device. Some things are covered under our warranty repairs with K12 Tech.

App Renewals

Mary Ellen commented that some of the apps we have are up for renewal, like Peardeck, NearPod, and Kami, which are very expensive. We will get about one more year of ESSER funding but we need to start looking at what programs do the same thing, and what we can & cannot live without. We will not be able to sustain the number of apps we have.

Building Concerns / Needs

Andrea Vanleer, DHS, asked if CRPs can be allowed to access print history. A teacher sent a print job after school on Friday, the printer jammed, and a lot of ink & paper were wasted because of this. Annette commented that one of the Techs, or Mike, would have to investigate print history questions, this access cannot be given to CRPs.

Informacast/Bell Schedule - Bob Cundiff commented that they need to reach out to Nathaniel to find out what is setup and ready for them to use. All Call is also an issue at South View. The announcements are not coming over the phones very loud.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50am

The next Virtual Tech P.I.E. meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023