

TECHNOLOGY P.I.E. MEETING

[Problems, Issues, & Events]

April 19, 2023

Present

Brett Brown

Cheryl Brumett

MaryEllen Bunton

John Conner

Robert Cundiff

Brian Golish

Scott Hannah

Annette Hummel

Mark Lyman

Christine Martin

Mandy Mourer

Christina Orr

Michael Orr

Karen Petersen

Alan Rivers

Jarren Saucedo

Cheryl Swafford

Michelle Troxel

Andrea VanLeer

Kristi Wagle

Melissa Willer

Programs and Vetting

This will be our last year receiving ESSER funds, so we won't be able to sustain the cost for apps & extensions that were purchased during COVID. We are asking CRPs and teachers to review the SOPPA vetted & approved list on the district website under curriculum and let us know what you can and cannot live without. This page does not specify what building the software is vetted for, but we are hoping to add that soon. We are almost done placing renewal orders for FY 2023-24. Remember, every app and extension used with student data must be approved through SOPPA. If a teacher uses something in the classroom with students that has not gone through SOPPA, they could be held personally responsible and fined right along with the school district.

Mr. Roskovensky is a great person to get assistance from for digital resources.

Pear Deck ~ Near Pod Renewal

These two web-based applications are costly, and they basically do the same thing. We need to decide which one we will keep. Are they being used to the extent that they were during COVID virtual school days? Make sure staff in your building are aware of the resources available. Start asking questions to see what they want and need. Help them understand we can no longer fund everything we did when we had ESSER funds. Melissa Willer asked if the vetted list could show what buildings the app/ext was purchased for. MaryEllen stated that we are working on getting that added. Melissa also asked about learning games. MaryEllen responded that those have been reduced as well, so refer to the list.

Cheryl Swafford asked if iReady, Renaissance, Scholastic is included in the SOPPA list. MaryEllen explained that the SOPPA list is more about apps & extensions. If you added something just for your building, and it is not on the intervention & supplemental list, then we need to know about it. If you have a particular app or extension that your school uses a lot and really needs, there could possibly be other funds or grant dollars that could pay for it.

Future Digital Testing for High School – College Board

We recently met with College Board and they informed us that SAT and PSAT testing will be completely digital next year. We will be required to download an app to all student laptops called The Blue Book. We need to download this as soon as it is available so teachers & students can practice. We are hoping to have everything set up by the time we come back for the 2023-24 School Year. A desmos calculator is built in to the app.

Building Concerns / Needs

Michelle Troxel commented that she has had a few new students recently and their email & password information did not populate so she had to contact the Help Desk. There was a question about whether the students are using a Clever badge and Michelle said the majority of students at North Ridge are not.

Brian Golish asked when teacher laptops are due to be replaced. Annette told him they are on a 4-year replacement rotation. If a teacher laptop is having performance issue, the teacher should put in a Help Desk ticket so the building tech can troubleshoot.

Mike Orr commented if anyone notices an extension that doesn't seem right, let him know so he can look into it.

Bob Cundiff requested that South View be listed as two words in the Help Desk Ticket requests. They are often referred to as Southview, all one word, which is incorrect.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35am

The next Virtual Tech P.I.E. meeting will be Wednesday, May 17th, 2023