TECHNOLOGY P.I.E. MEETING
[Problems, Issues, & Events]
March 16, 2022

Present

Ryan Alruwaily

Cheryl Brumett

MaryEllen Bunton

John Conner

Robert Cundiff

Clint Cunningham

Joshua Edwards

Brian Golish

Paul Hubbard

Annette Hummel

Shannan Krauel

Gail Lewis

Mark Lyman

William Niles

Christina Orr

Karen Petersen

Jessica Poulson

Alan Rivers

Caleb Seripinas

Cheryl Swafford

Kelly Truex

Kalyssa West

Melissa Willer

Alissa Wright

Paper Virtual Tutoring

We received a large amount of funding from ESSER and one thing they encourage is to use a portion of the money for tutoring. MaryEllen Bunton reported they found a chat-based program that uses the socratic method & tutorials as they would in an AVID class. We are planning to use the tutoring program in Grade 5-12, which would include South View, North Ridge, DHS, and KDBA. MaryEllen would like to meet with the CRPs in those buildings to provide more information, then a representative from the company will have a brief meeting with teachers after Spring Break to introduce the software. She will email the CRPs to setup a meeting time. This program will be available to every classroom teacher that works with Gr 5-12. If you have more questions, please email MaryEllen.

Summer Refresh – Docking Stations for Elementary

For the teacher workstation setup in elementary buildings, we will transition to a laptop, docking station, keyboard, and monitor. This type of setup is used in many elementary schools in Illinois and we are hoping it will work well for our District. Melissa Willer – asked if there is a document that shows what the setup will look like because it would help teachers setup their classroom for next year. Annette commented that she has a document she can send out that provides more details. Christy Orr commented that she really likes the workstation setup and believes it's a good move for us.

Skyward Q migration

We have started the implementation of Skyward Q. Training through Skyward Hub has been pushed out to main building secretaries and other administrative staff. At least one person in every department in every school will be trained. CRP's will be invited to join training soon. Skyward support will send an email with your login & password to get into the hub where the training will be. Data mining reports will not transfer to Q but the new reporting features are great. Skyward will be down June 20-24 for the transition, then we will come up live with Q sometime on June 27th. The process is very lengthy, so we ask everyone to be patient. There is a possibility some training time will be offered this summer.

MaryEllen Bunton commented that Q is still Skyward, it is just a different version. For elementary teachers, you will take attendance in the new version of Skyward, and for the high school, teacher gradebooks & attendance will be done in the new version. MaryEllen wants to make this a very smooth transition for all. She would like each building to come up with a method for training. One major change is that the old PAC system the Business Office works with will no longer be available. Annette commented that she believes the transition for teachers will be fairly easy.

End of Year Chromebook Returns

In the last meeting we talked about implementing a 4-year rotation for chromebooks. There is a definite concern to allow students to keep their chromebook during the summer, primarily because we know students seem to misplace them. We will continue to discuss the end of year chromebook collection and how to manage them for students going to summer school. There will only be one day of turnaround time from the end of the school year to the start of Summer School. The following buildings are setup to host summer school: DHS for gr. 7-8 and gr. 9-12, KDBA for Alt Program gr. 7-12, Mark Denman Elementary for gr. 3-6, and Southwest for gr. KG-2. MaryEllen stated they will be working on a plan for summer school chromebook distribution since there is a building transition for most students. Alan Rivers commented that there also needs to be a plan for who will

check chromebooks back in after summer school. Annette will setup a meeting for discussion on this and send an invite out so whoever can attend will be able to join in on the conversation.

IAR Update
Christy Orr commented that so far everything seems to being going very well. Everyone involved did a good job managing assessments in their buildings. South View will begin their Science Assessment after Spring Break and DHS will begin after April 1st.

Building Concerns / Needs
Bob Cundiff asked what the Webex pop-up is about that some users were getting today. Mike commented that this is a meeting platform update that was recently sent out to everyone.

MaryEllen commented that staff have been submitting requests for SOPPA vetting but sometimes, when they start the process to vet it, they find the vetting has already been taken care of. MaryEllen & Shannon are going to work on documentation to show more information about what has been vetted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 am
Next Tech P.I.E. meeting April 27th