

2017 – 2022 Technology Plan Minutes

10/27/16

Attendees: Judy Nesbitt, Joan Marcotte, Michael Lessard, Andrea O'Neil, Samantha Belcourt, Lori Collins, Carly Cohen, Jason Paradis, Matthew Krohn

Meeting began at 4:02 PM.

This was the first meeting for the 2016/2017 school year.

Introduction of the three new community members – Jason Paradis, Matthew Krohn and Aaron Brayall.

Andrea O'Neil spoke to the ISTE Standard / ICT Literacy. Advised that we need to document and show case how standards are met. Lori Collins addressed how some of the standards are currently being met / used in the classroom. Some of the standards are difficult to accomplish as students don't have active school email accounts.

Discussed student email. Email would be introduced to grades 5 – 8.

Andrea will create a presentation for the December School Board meeting. Samantha will request to have Student Email put on the agenda. Review of the policies will be required to see if they address the acceptable use of student email and if they don't we will need to propose changes.

Mike will take up the action of researching how to monitor email and go back to emails if found that there is email abuse occurring. Will also check on compliance issues for certain words.

Discussed if students are taking chromebooks home with them. General comments from parents is that they don't want to have another device at home. There are some parents that only have one computer which is used for business and wouldn't mind the chromebook coming home with the student. There are also some students with no internet available. Question was if a chromebook could be used offline. Allowing chromebooks to go home with a student is being handled on an as need basis. We discussed the need for traveling chromebooks to have some kind of protection.

Lori is looking into the option and cost for leasing chromebooks. This would allow for a regular refresh program to be implemented.

It was suggested that during the upcoming Parent Teacher conferences that the teachers ask the parent opinions about their child taking the chromebook home. This will give us a feel if there is a strong desire for this type of program or not.

Discussed Professional Development and addressed the concern whether staff is being trained on all the new technology. Before technology is brought into the school training is offered during professional development days and also conferences made available. This continues on after the introduction of the technology. Sometime that training is done on-site and other times at other schools.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Meeting schedule:

10/27, 12/22, 2/23 and 4/20 – 4PM = Media Center