

Technology Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2016 at 1:00pm – 2:00pm.

Room 128 - Carlson

Members present: Nikki More, Suzanne Wieland, Ken Smith, Richard Modery, George Cummings

Next Meeting Date: May 10, 2016 at 3:30pm

Holbrook School - Andrea Turmelle's Classroom

I. Building level technology updates

- a. Technology is running very well district-wide considering the age of some equipment.
- b. Holbrook Teachers are starting to use Compass Learning with good results
- c. Eddington teachers are having great success securing technology resources for their classrooms through donorschoose.org.
 - i. Miss Bedore had 3 iPad mini's donated to her that she is using with her students.
 - ii. Miss Helms had 6 Kindles donated to her that she is using with her students.
 - iii. Mrs. Perry currently has a project posted for 4 iPad minis.
- d. Holden and Eddington schools will receive 50 Amazon 7" Kindle Fire tablets each from the Cole Land Transportation Museum. The only commitment for this very generous donations is that 1 grade from each elementary school will visit the museum.
- e. There continue to be websites that elementary teachers are unable to access due to our outdated laptops.

II. A look at the Google Chromebook "total" solution

- a. Committee member were able to see the actual Chromebook and protective carrying case that is proposed in the 2016-2017 budget.

III. 2016-2017 Technology Budget discussion

- a. The major topic of discussion around the technology budget is the Chromebook initiative.
- b. Committee members agreed that the Chromebook solution is a cost-effective and sustainable solution for getting new laptops for our 5th & 6th grade students.
- c. Suggestions were made to include an iPad solution in the 2016-2017 budget for students in K-1.

Meeting adjourned 2:10pm