

Woodland District 50
Technology Vision Team Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2004

Minutes

Members Present: Ginger Eppinette, Liz Fogarty, Elissa Krex, Rich Pattison, Judy Ryan, Kathy Tragasz, Cameron Willis, Erik Youngman, Melanie Cirrinciane, Tony DeMonte, Scott Mitchell, Tim Trimble, Phill Karabinus.

Minutes taken by: Ginger Eppinette

Informational Items:

Intermediate Computer Carts

We had grant money and PTA threw in \$4500 and 2 more carts were purchased for Intermediate. PTA came to us and said that they were going to do a city wide Scholastic book fair and they wanted to help us out with funds. The carts came in today. Our hope is that each year we use this grant money to take care of one school and rotate it each year.

Network Changes

This Saturday, we are doing network changes...moving a lot of equipment out of the old Admin. building and moving it to the Middle School...in-users won't notice any difference on Monday; it should speed things up.

In 3 weeks, T1's will be moved from the old Admin to the Middle School...this will double band-width 3 megabits a second to 6. It will be housed in the network room in the Middle School. More will be done over winter vacation.

The network upgrade equipment for south campus was purchased today.

Apple Training

Training is complete. Teachers enjoyed it. iLife 4.0 will be purchased for those teachers who attended the class.

Kerio Email

Will be seeing changes in the next month. Some more patches are being added. It appears that in addition to the network problems, there are some problems with the Kerio software.

Board Meeting

A Data Manager position has been posted for the district. This will be someone to oversee Skyward. It has been posted state-wide, and will be open for a while. We hope to find someone with Skyward Knowledge.

The Board also approved the hiring of a full-time Web Manager. We hope to find someone quickly so that changes will take place soon. Someone is currently making corrections and updates to the current web site. (The Board policies are up on the web site now.) Rich gave a presentation at the board meeting last night with ideas for the web site.

Action Items:

Web Site Design

Our desire is to better enhance two-way communication with our community.

What interactive features would we like to see on our district web site? (features that we have seen before; features that as educators would think would be good to see)...

1. Secured feature for making food service payments. (You can do it now but it is not secure.)
2. Site Map
3. Place for realtors or parents...to put in address and see if they would be in our district. Maybe add levy and tax info also.
4. Password login for parents to send absences...this is already part of Skyward Family Access.
5. Teacher web pages organized better...
6. Page for Woodland forms
7. Access to committee agendas and minutes
8. Make policies searchable

Members should continue to look at and get more ideas for the next meeting.

Rich showed the group his PowerPoint presentation about ideas for the web site.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 9 at 6:00