

## **Technology Vision Committee Minutes December 6, 2005**

Rich Pattison called meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **Information Items**

#### **A. Update of Tech Upgrade at Middle School – Kim**

We are in the process of upgrading older indigos (163) to eMacs. The older indigos will be put back into circulation after having memory upgrades, and will be used to build permanent labs and provide additional classroom computers in some instances. There will be memory upgrades on the Indigo iMaccs, iBooks, and C-Wing eMacs. Timeline: have to be completed by March for MAP testing.

#### **B. MAP Testing – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Testing**

5<sup>th</sup> Graders are currently testing on Reading. 8<sup>th</sup> grade MAP testing just finished.

#### **C. Older Computers at Elementary School**

There are 75 old bondi computers left from south campus upgrade. These computers are between 10-12 years old and considered Tier 3 – still usable but not worth repairing. Currently, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms go to computer lab. Ginger Eppinette and Kara Nawrocki (Elementary Tech Advisors) have been taking iBooks to 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom. Possibility – taking these computers and giving them to 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms, but there are some obstacles to this. There is a meeting in the morning (Dec. 7) with 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teachers to make a decision about this.

#### **D. Head End Room Reconfiguration**

This room - where phone, networking, servers, etc. - is located in Middle School. Mike Thunholm and Kim Leone have done a lot of reconfiguring so that things will be more organized and more professional. A lot of older servers have been updated and replaced. Possibility - have one of our future Tech Vision Meetings at Middle School so that we can see the Head End Room.

#### **E. Winter Break Projects**

Our district does not have off-site backup...a backup of all data that is located and secure off-site. If equipment comes in, Mike Thunholm will be building an off-site backup system for archiving and protecting all district files. Each school will be doing their own projects as well. Some updates will be done for Transportation as well.

## **F. Other**

A Committee Member suggested that the idea of teachers checking out iBooks be discussed and a policy established. It would make it easier and give more time to do grades and to plan lessons around Mac-specific software.

## **Action Items**

### **A. Review of intranet website**

See list from webmaster of updates that have been made to the intranet. Dr. Swoboda has approved the intranet and it will be introduced to staff after winter break. It will be introduced to LTM and then to the staff. Ginger Eppinette will be working with the webmaster to create and update a full Technology Support area on the intranet. We are still in need of forms from Human Resources.

### **B. Special Delivery**

This will be released after winter break as well. This is an automated email system for people to register to receive specific district email updates, minutes, messages, etc.

### **C. Wide Area Network Report**

There was a major outage at the beginning of the year, but it is still not trustworthy. We have been working with several companies (Comcast, SBC, Sunesys) and each has given monetary proposals. This will be combined with our E-Rate proposal. This proposal has to be posted for 28 days before a contract can be signed. Pricing will range from \$3,000 to \$7,000 per month. If approved by the government E-Rate program, we will receive 40% of this back. Timeline – our goal is to be completed by July 2006.

### **D. District Technology Plan Review**

This Friday, the Tech Advisors and Rich Pattison will be meeting to review and update the district Technology Plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2006      6:00 PM      **Middle School LRC**