

**Woodland District 50**  
**Technology Vision Team Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 21**

**Minutes**

Present: Joan Brixey, Penny Dagley, Ginger Eppinette, Liz Fogarty, Elissa Krex, Judy Ryan, Anne Swanson, Mike Thunholm, Erik Youngman, Cindy Hooper, Pam Badame, Kathy Tragasz, Cameron Willis, Peggy Phlmeier, Rich Pattison

Minutes taken by: Ginger Eppinette

**Welcome and Introductions**

Rich Pattison, Director of Technology, welcomed everyone  
Everyone at the table introduced themselves

**MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing**

Rich reviewed MAP testing; this is our first year to do standardized testing on the computer; all buildings are testing at the same time so all the labs were hard wired to make it go more smoothly; there is a separate server for every school so that the computers would not bog down; we will be testing twice this year...fall and spring; Anne Swanson does not anticipate that we will test more than twice a year because of equipment limitations

**Apple Training**

Rich shared that Apple called and we have \$17,000 worth of training allotted to the district; the Tech Advisors picked 5 classes; 16 people will attend session and subs will be provided; they will run all day at the ESC; examples of sessions to be offered are iLife suite, Office, iMovie, and Classroom Achievement using Technology; our hope is to seed schools with a little more knowledge; info will be released to staff when the dates are finalized; Erik asked how the spots would be allotted; Rich shared that the Tech Advisors will work with administrators to assign the spots for each sessions

**Technology Initiatives**

Rich shared current technology initiatives in the district:

1. 310 computers were purchased for South campus and they were installed and imaged...all techs were on hand to get it done...Cindi, Mike, Tracy, and Rich did a large part of setting up after computers were placed in classrooms;  
Liz asked how many printers there are on south campus...Ginger estimated between 7-10 in each building
2. Network equipment on south campus will be upgraded soon...it is now between 5-7 years old...life expectancy is usually 3 years; we have a new network manager, Kim Leone; she

comes from Quill where she has been a senior network manager for 9 years; she has found some major problems - lots of routing problems - and she is working on them

3. District Goals include Skyward implementation, Skyward family access, and an improved Web site

Eric shared a compliment he received concerning our web site; Rich acknowledged the compliment and shared that a Web site is our calling card...and it is not accessed enough by parents, so we hope to add functionality to it

4. Kerio email was chosen because it is web based which does not tie you to one machine; you can access it anywhere; it was chosen because we felt it had the best options, but of course, we encountered problems...

the first week it ran horribly slow which ended up being a programming issue...it had a memory leak but a patch was used to fix it; printing is not working correctly...it is also a problem with a patch and it is currently being tested; problems with attachments...it might be the browser we're using, Mike is working on it; timing out is being checked on also; Lessons learned - roll out of new software will be done differently next time

5. Problem with computer disk space...this is being worked on also; when it is all finished, we will have 3.5 terabytes (trillions...exponentially larger) of disk space for all to use

6. We are forming a Data committee with representatives from schools to make decisions as we start to use Skyward and all it's data management pieces.

7. TeacherWeb is up and running again.

### **Meeting dates for remainder of the school year**

Second Thursday of each month...6:00 at WESC

Oct. 14

Nov. 18 (changed due to Veteran's Day)

Dec. 9

Jan. 13

Feb. 10

Mar. 10

Apr. 14

May 12