

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #50
TECHNOLOGY VISION COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
February 22, 2007

Team Mission:

“To develop a three to five year technology plan for Woodland School District #50 that will guide the preparation of our students for the world in which they will live and work, empower staff to optimize student learning and position the district as a leader in the effective use of technology.”

1. Sign In Please
2. Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from 2/8/07
Kathy Tragasz volunteered to take minutes for next week.
4. Presentation and Input on Plan Writing WIKI Site.
The group started with an overview of WIKI. The state requirements have been placed on WIKI. Notes for the WIKI will be provided to all group members. As items are posted on the WIKI, members can expect to receive an email update.
5. Review New State Materials on Writing
All group members received a new revised version of the tech plan guide. In addition the information has been updated and posted on the WIKI.
6. Review TEC Article
The group discussed items for consideration/inclusion in our tech plan.
Think about where we want to take kids and where we think kids can go.
Teachers working in specific content areas and see technology integrated into each area.
How do we increase our teacher capacity; make life easier and more organized?
EETT of 2001 says that 25% of the money we spend on technology must be devoted to staff development.
7. Develop Vision Statement for Plan
As a group we identified and reviewed the necessary components of a vision.
Brainstorming Session:
The group discussed what we would like to see our students/teachers using or able to do. The following below is an abbreviated list of some tentative ideas.
 - Compass Learning – Computerized student tutorial program synchronized to students’ individual RIT bands.
 - Increase the number of computers available in each room for student use.
 - Empower students to work with teachers at integrating technology and teaching technological skills.
 - Pre-made lessons that focus on content area skills/materials created and modeled by specialists for teacher use.
 - Longer class periods in tech labs: minimum of 40 minutes.
 - Accessible computer labs for student use after school hours.
 - All teachers using skyward grading program.
 - Every student with his or her own portal: private webpage.

Increased community involvement in technology usage—calendars, daily information, checking homework/ teacher websites.
Utilize older computers for Internet browsing stations within/outside of school: Teen centers, recreational centers at mobile home parks.
Update technology at South Campus.
Each teacher will have his or her own Laptop computer.
All buildings will be wireless.
The district will utilize a server that automatically updates all building computers with new software/programs.
The district will create or adopt a standardized curriculum for technology skills.
Differentiated instruction will be provided for staff development in technology use.
Scope and Sequence for district wide technology use.
Train and create a parent tech core – parents that could come in and assist teachers when technology is being utilized in classrooms.
Smaller computers will be purchased in order to optimize space at areas like South Campus.
Voice to tech recognition software for special populations.
Presentation stations will be created in classrooms for teachers – Smart boards, LCD projector.
Technology initiatives phased in based upon teacher preparedness.

Summary of Discussion Item Topics.

Hardware Issues -
Computerized Programs -
Staff Development -
Curriculum -
Increased community involvement/outreach –

Committee to do list:

All group members should spend about 45 minutes previewing new tech items on the Internet.
All group members should spend about 45 minutes per a week updating and monitoring the WIKI.
All members should finish reading through the TEC article.
Rich will start working on the WIKI and email group members directions.
Rich will put out some basic sample questions for tech survey.
Judy will look for old tech survey.
All group members should create their login.
Consider attending/preparing a smart board demo for committee members.

9. Meeting Dates –
Wednesday – March 7