

TECHNOLOGY ACTION TEAM MINUTES

DATE: August 18, 2011

TIME: 8:00 – 11:30

LOCATION: Administration Building – Board Room

ACTION TEAM LEADERS: Mark Stockwell, Tom Swoboda, Steve VanMater

ACTION TEAM MEMBERS: See Membership List

MINUTES BY: Joyce Pezold

1. CTE Rollout

- Jennifer Stanfill provided a handout to the group and discussed needed upgrades.
- State funds 75% of cost for CTE computers and district must provide 25% match.
- On network upgrades and furniture, state funds 50% of cost and the district match is then 50%.
- District has to pay total amount upfront and then state reimburses district.
- District match would be \$440,000. This was not included in the budget.
- Tom has bond funds for smart board expenses.
- Steve needs old CTE computers for other areas.
- Jennifer to talk to CTE teachers regarding plan for changing out the computers (evening hours, weekend, planning period).

2. My Reading Coach & Achieve 3000

- Becky Langrall handed out new initiative forms for My Reading Coach and Achieve 3000.
- Rhonda Page and Becky Langrall discussed My Reading Coach program and Achieve 3000.
- My Reading Coach is a decoding program and Achieve 3000 is a comprehensive program.
- My Reading Coach is an outright purchase that goes on a specific computer with no additional fees. However, software can be difficult and time-consuming to support
- Achieve 3000 is web based. Cost = approx.. \$5,000/year (90 seats). Funding would come from district communication arts budget and North High building budget.
- My Reading Coach cost estimate is \$8,000. Funding would come from district communication arts budget.
- Decision: Approved to pilot only at North High for 1 year.

3. ALEKS

- Web-based per seat license.
- Assessment tool for math. Gives each student problems based on their assessment.
- Technology Dept. expressed concerns that if all of these web-based subscriptions become widely adopted throughout the district, it does affect the Technology Dept. as they have to support the programs.
- Tim had recommended Kahn Academy...where is he with ALEKS?
- Kahn is a tier 1 intervention. ALEKS is a tier 3 intervention.
- This will be paid for by North High.
- Decision: Approved.

4. Journalism

- Currently the journalism classes at Central High and West High have Macs. North and South have PCs.
- Central and West want to stay with Macs.
- North and South switched to PCs with the district transition.
- Same software is available for PCs as Macs and runs well.
- CTE classes seem to be successful using this software on PCs.
- The Macs at Central and West are aging and the operating systems on these aren't currently working on the network.
- Cost to replace a Mac is considerably more than PC.
- Decision: Put on agenda for September TAT meeting to discuss with high school principals.

5. N-Computing

- 13 elementary schools finished.
- Wren and Oak Brook are next two schools to get N-computing.
- Goal is to have all 18 finished by April...maybe sooner.

6. Middle School Refresh

- Technology recommended providing laptops to the CRSs and letting the CRSs switch out the teachers' computers on their schedule.
- Laptops turned in will be freed up to use for student computers.
- Principals will determine refresh timeline.
- SSD teacher computers will be here in a couple of weeks. SSD is paying for the computers.
- The remainder of the laptops will go towards elementary teacher refresh. Will have approximately 200 leftover. Need approximately 500 to refresh all of the elementary teachers.
- Tom wants to do the teacher rollout in the spring.
- Kathy recommended that the 5 remaining schools waiting for N-computing get the remaining laptops when their schools get refreshed.
- Tentative plan would be to then do the other elementary schools next year—no guarantee.
- Elementary teacher laptops would then be re-deployed to middle schools to replace Macs.

7. Office 2010 Rollout

- Office 2010 rollout is going along fine.

8. CTE & 5750 Re-Deploys

- CTE computers will be re-deployed but will stay at the high school.
- 5750s from elementary refresh will go to middle schools (according to student population).
- Middle schools will also get their teacher re-deploys, and elementary teacher re-deploys.
- Decision:
 - Tom to talk to Bonnie about recommendation.
 - Put on Sept. TAT agenda.

9. Smart Notebook 10.8-11
 - Postponed until Sept. meeting.
10. Tablets for Teacher Assessment
 - Postponed until Sept. meeting.
11. School Tech Teams
 - Postponed until Sept. meeting.
12. District Tech Plan
 - Postponed until Sept. meeting.
13. New Initiative Form
 - Postponed until Sept. meeting.
14. Student Data
 - Tom discussed survey results with the group.
 - Part of Goal 2.
 - Topics discussed:
 - How do we want to give secondary student access to technology?
 - Is a tool needed for students to be curious?
 - Is the only option one where students bringing their own devices?
 - What direction do we have regarding resources?
 - Why present this data if we are not going to take action?
 - TISs already working on training.
 - Continue to research during 11/12 school year.
 - Can't go textbook-less at this time.
 - Decision: Bring to next meeting to discuss.
15. Overview of TAT
 - Core team will meeting from 8:00 – 9:30.
 - General TAT meeting will be from 9:30 – 11:30.
 - Need to define roll and responsibility for general TAT members.
 - Reps will include 2 elementary principals and a principal or asst. principal from each secondary school.
 - Need to discuss new initiative form with group.
16. Bell Times
 - Need 1 position at each school entering information.
 - Calendar changes need to be communicated to a single person in the district.
 - Information needs to be entered 10 days before school starts.
 - Need to do a final check at end of school year to check for accuracy.
 - Decision: Dave to work with Desi on this.
17. SB54
 - Joy and Supt. Council are working on statement.
 - Statement to go out to teachers in near future.
 - Joy and Jason are the “go to” people regarding this issue.
 - Will need to send a district message out soon.
 - It doesn't appear that Moodle will be impacted by this law.