

## MINUTES OF THE DIVISION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Division Technology Advisory Committee was held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the School Board Office.

Mr. Rickey Parker, Assistant Superintendent for Information Technology, welcomed members and called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. All members were present with the exception of Ruby Marshall, Wendy Motley, Jean Stone, Wanda Vaughan, Don Moon and Brenda West.

Committee questions / topics followed:

- Questions relative to a timeline for projectors to be installed in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and the continuation of the ROS Program.
  - Wilkerson – Plates are in place but they are waiting on maintenance to secure them in place.
  - Parker – ROS is an Instructional Department purchase.
- Problems with Welligent continue for nurses. Notes that are entered may not be there when nurses go back to them. Also student names sometimes disappear. **Note:** Lamar Jeter contacted Peggy Saunders who indicated that to her knowledge, all issues had been resolved. She will contact Mr. Jeter if there are any problems reported.
  - Parker – The problem is between Welligent and Power School and is a software issue. The problem will be addressed with Lamar Jeter. Also, Power School has a health feature that is being looked into.

Following the discussion of the above items, Mr. Parker addressed progress with the high school renovations. Around mid-August final work can likely be done which will include signage. He is hopeful there will be no more fiber cuts; however the IT Department will react to issues as they occur.

Pittsylvania County has over 3000 PCs that are replaced on a 6-year cycle. This requires \$500,000 expenditure each year. Technology funding will remain in the state budget for the next two years. However, we are unsure at this time if the local matching funds will be there.

There have been ongoing problems and issues with staff using personal equipment at school and the AUP policy.

Mr. Darrell Wilkerson indicated that projectors purchased last year will be passed on for use in the middle and elementary schools. There may also be some computers that can be used in middle or elementary schools.

Ms. Cathy Scolpini addressed the AUP and internet safety. An Information Brief addressing “sexting” was discussed and a news report was viewed. She stated that the Virginia Department of Education now requires school divisions to have a policy addressing this issue in the AUP as well as the Student Code of Conduct. AUP changes will be finalized soon and sent to the board for approval in May.

Ms. Scolpini also mentioned that the Parent Portal is up and running but only about 15% of parents are accessing this feature. We need to be sure to continue to get the word out about this valuable tool.

Results from the Employee Internet Use Survey were reviewed. The number one concern was cheating by students using cell phones. Cyberbullying, sexting, posting of inappropriate information or photos and predators followed as concerns indicated by employees. These results indicate a shift in the focus of Internet Safety Education is necessary. This will be addressed in the revised policy.

Mr. Parker demonstrated IPTV using TV over broadband. He indicated teachers may record available shows or programs for use in the classroom for 45 days. This is for use with existing projectors in the classroom, however, switches need to be updated for the system to be able to work properly.

There being no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.