

District Technology Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2014

Student Email: Concerns over email being used inappropriately, especially during designated study hall times. Dustin suggested that the same rules that are used for other accounts like Yahoo or MSN should be used for the Google accounts. Terry also suggested reminding the students that the accounts are not private and their teachers have access to them.

Downloading YouTube Videos: Chrome does not allow YouTube videos to be buffered completely, unless the browser extension is changed. You can email Derek for instructions on how to do this. It would allow videos to be played over and over without having to buffer each time. There are programs that can be downloaded that allows YouTube videos to be downloaded to the computer, but downloading those programs can be tricky. Vasily will be talking to Daniel to see if there is an easy way to make sure Chrome is the default on computers with the correct settings already applied.

Going all in with Google: Brett and Derek are looking at moving away from the current Microsoft email accounts and going into Google. Overall it would affect day to day operations very little. The biggest change will be seen in how calendars work, but there is still a way to sync calendars in Outlook. The cost will be less, possibly even free. The district currently spends about \$14,000 for the Microsoft accounts. Google is also looking at providing unlimited storage for education users. Trish was at Chemeketa Community College when they did the conversion and their biggest problem was the distribution lists. Hopefully since Brett and Derek are looking at it now, they can learn from those who have already done the conversion and try to trouble shoot some of those issues early.

Help Desk: There were 170 open tickets, with less high priority tickets. The virus that hit the district has been causing problems. It is important to remember to back up your files. Using something like Google Drive is a great way to accomplish this. It is simple to download and use. The technology department is looking at updating antivirus.

Network Related Information: There is an antivirus beta test happening in the Tech Department the week of the 27th and if all goes well it will be rolled out the next week. The district is also going from 100 Mbps to 150 Mbps. A reminder that students should not be on the Temp wireless. Guests are only allowed 10 Mbps of the 150 Mbps. Wireless upgrades are starting at Silver Crest, Victor Point, and Bethany.

iPads: MDM is working on apple up to date. Working with a large amount of iPads can cause problems. At Scotts Mills they are downloading on 100 iPads and it has caused things to crash. IOS 8.1 was released on the 20th so all devices need to be updated. It takes about 12 minutes to set up a new iPad. Student iPads will be set up before staff ones. Phil would like to know about how many per school need to be done. It is a long process, but it is getting done. In the future all students will be an Apple ID, but we aren't to that point yet.

Pinnacle: Pinnacle is waiting on the English Department at the high school. As soon as everything is correct at the high school it will filter down. Hopefully by the end of December we can have report cards. Unfortunately teachers will have to go back and attach standards.

Technology Update: It is very important to remind your staff to backup their files! Critical files were lost when a staff computer crashed recently. Two backups should be used. A new website was found, icracked.com, is great and affordable for replacing damaged devices. They are quick, will pickup and drop-off the device, and if we create a district account it will be even more affordable.

Dustin: If you or your staff were having to put passwords every time for STAR, Dustin has the ability to disable that. Just let him know.

Trish: She gave feedback to Google Classroom and she received a response. There is now an option for no grade rather than having to give a 0 for some assignments.

Those in attendance

School Representatives:

Bethany Charter --- Butte Creek Terry Woodall --- Central Howell Dustin Hoehne --- Eugene Field Phil Kelly

Evergreen Michelle Buckley --- Mark Twain Darby Hector --- Pratum Dustin Hoehne

Robert Frost --- None --- Scotts Mills Helen Plov & Danyel Andrus --- Silver Crest Jason Warrington

Silverton High School --- Derek McElfresh & Trish Conlon --- Victor Point Megan Lierman

District Representatives:

Gary Marshall Technology Coordinator --- Brett Milliken Network Manager --- Daniel Marshall Help Desk Manager

Technology Administrator & Principal Dustin Hoehne --- Linda Myers Curriculum Director

Assessment & Communications Coordinator Derek McElfresh --- TOSA Pinnacle, Math, IPAD Phil Kelly