

District Technology Committee Meeting  
April 19, 2007

Present: Karen Anderson (HS), Ida Balko (Tech Office), Jeff Bennett (HS), Larry Bourland (MS), Wayne Brown (EL), John Budd (MS), Sharee Burdick (HS), Therese Edwards (EL), Jeff Haston (MS), Judy Johnson (EL), Dian Leckrone (EL), Jim Stewart (EL), Tim Vagts (EL), Tina Vansyckle (HS), Jennifer Varney (Tech Office)

1. 9-12 METS

- a. Tina Vansyckle reported on the 9-12 Mets and where there is or is not evidence of them being taught along with the assistance of Karen Anderson– very little portfolio evidence – found holes in lifelong learning
  - b. Large concern about meeting METS now that IT Core is no longer a required course. Where will we meet the METS?
  - c. The idea is to integrate the technology within core classes. We will need to have a deliberate plan to meet the METS now that we can not solely rely on the Business Department to tackle these issues.
2. Tech Goals – Groups: pg 11 in District Technology Plan 2006-2009
- a. Reviewed article questioning the value in school software
  - b. Jennifer asked that we focus on goal 4 and truly identify student achievement –example: Study Island – Tim has staff and students using this. So far so good. Good discussion, Jeff brought up elementary concerns of time, how to support, etc. Therese, Tim and Jennifer explained the plans for addressing these things.
  - c. High School/Alternative remediation – How do we supply students with challenging curriculum at varying levels and keep the teacher sane?  
Investigating Nova Net and Plato
3. 8<sup>th</sup> grade tech lit assessment – April 25<sup>th</sup>, needs to do this before May as the subscription from the ISD runs out and will not be renewed. Better questions this year. Will have to report a percentage again to the state. The proficiency cut off is 70% per state recommendations.
4. 4<sup>th</sup> grade survey questions – Changes to questions were made and discussion was to have Jim and Dian work with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in the technology class to give the survey in May.
5. Parent resource tab information – Teri put idea out to the MAME organization if other schools were offering a parent resource tab on there website. Based on this information, good ideas for parent tab were forwarded to us. All members were asked to review information about what should be included in a Parent tab. There is a current list posted on Blackboard for members to review.
6. TTI laptops – decision to allow teacher to continue to have them. Will put message in tech talks asking staff to return equipment they are not using.
7. Blackboard changes – All instructors must export classes before June to ensure it is not lost. Discussion board items may be lost. ISD will now be responsible for inputting students. We have requested all 5-12 grade students enrolled.

8. June after school sessions – June 12, 13 Please get classes we would like to teach to Jennifer within the next two weeks. We will again offer open labs WITH a goal sheet for accountability. August dates ? 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>
9. Screen Coder 4 – Software that provides online tutorials. Currently available to Jennifer.
10. Blog – Podcasts – How will we be able to implement for classroom work?
11. Vista and Office 2007 Webinar – Like to do a sample presentation of Vista or Office 2007 go to [www.course.com/events/webinars.cfm](http://www.course.com/events/webinars.cfm) We made the decision at the last meeting that we will not be going to either Vista or Office 2007 next year because we do not want more than 2 platforms running at the same time in the district.
12. Internet Safety materials to distribute –This material will be distributed to the building level administrators to provide at parent teacher conferences, starting in the fall.
13. What if PowerPoint was shown

Meeting start time: 12:30 p.m. end time: 3:20 p.m.