

## **District Technology Committee Agenda February 8, 2007 - Minutes**

In attendance: Jim Stewart (EL), Jeff Haston (MS), Larry Bourland (MS), Teri Terry (MS), Ida Balko(Tech office), John Budd (MS), Sue Braden(Tech Office), Judy Johnson (EL), Therese Edwards(EL), Mary Taylor(CO), Sharee Burdick(HS), Tina Vansyckle(HS), Karen Anderson(HS).

### **1. Review of meeting Norms**

### **2. Review of Blackboard and New Items**

- Course Documents – Suggested Policy Changes
- Cyber Information
  - My Space Parent Article
  - Text Messaging Article
  - Parent Internet Safety Pamphlet
- Discussion Board
- Agenda/Minutes – December's Minutes

### **3. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Technology Literacy Assessment**

Discussion on the testing format regarding the use of Blackboard or Examview.

The decision was made to go with Examview again this year because of speed concerns and multiple students testing at the same time.

Questions were reviewed from last year regarding the districts initiative in gathering data on our students. Some of the questions were revised and new questions were added. These questions will be updated and then posted on Blackboard for review.

### **4. 4<sup>th</sup> grade technology survey regarding technology access at home**

A similar survey was discussed in order to see the differences in students from the 4th grade level to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. Questions were designed and would be entered in a Zoomerang survey for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This survey would be done in their technology classes in the late spring.

Questions will be designed and also posted on Blackboard. Further discussion of these questions will be at the April meeting.

### **5. Goals for Tech Plan**

Goals were reviewed and it was shared to think of ways to show achievement towards these goals at the next meeting.

1. Integrating the use of technology in the district adopted K-8 aligned with METS and 9-12 curriculum aligned with Content Standards and Benchmarks (and the 9-12 grade METS when available).
2. Providing support and training for staff as they implement the use of technology aligned with the Michigan Educational Technology Standards (METS) and the National Educational Technology Standards (NETS).
3. Providing access to technology for students, staff, and community to enhance learning and communications.
4. Evaluating and implementing available technologies to increase student achievement.
5. Assessing student achievement relative to the integration of technology based on the METS and NETS as well as local curriculum.

#### **6. Website Resource Tab**

Examples of other district websites have been posted on Blackboard and members have been asked to review.

#### **7. Cable Channels**

At this time the decision was made to switch TLC to Animal Planet on the cable stations. This will help with providing more curriculum enhancement material for the science classes.

#### **8. Vista and Office 2007**

A brief viewing of Vista was made available. At this time the decision is not to go to Vista for the 2007-08 school year due to hardware specifications.

An Office 2007 demo was not available at the time, but the consensus was also to wait on utilizing this new program, but a couple of teachers have expressed interest in piloting next fall.