

DID YOU KNOW

The wireless trade association CTIA and Harris Interactive [surveyed some 2,000 teens](#) across the country learned that teens feel that cell phones have become a vital part of their identities. (Survey: Teens' Cell Phones Indispensable Social Status Linked To Having Coolest New Model, Too San Francisco, Sept.15, 2008).

This website will provide an article that speaks to the dangers that we are all hearing about regarding cell phones and the proactive stance that parents/adults can take with their children.

http://parentingteens.suite101.com/article.cfm/cell_phones_and_todays_teens

CHARLOTTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING RECYCLED COMPUTERS FOR SALE:

Dell GX 110 - \$20.00

- 933 Megahertz (MHz) processor
- 128 or 256 Megs or Ram (depends on the machine)
- 20 G hard drive
- On board 10 by 100 network card (for High Speed)
- 48X CD Rom Drive (not a CD burner)
- Floppy drive
- 56K dial up modem (depends on machine)
- Power cable, keyboard and mouse (while supplies last)

Dell GX 150 - \$25.00

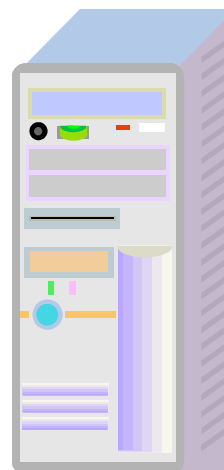
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The significant difference between the GX 110's and the GX 150's is the speed of the memory.

These stations utilize Open Source; which includes the operating system and a free office suite.

For additional questions or to make your purchase; please contact the High School Media Center at 517-541-5632.

**All sales are final and Charlotte Public Schools is not responsible for the maintenance or upkeep of these machines. All machines are sold as is.



DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DTC Meeting Notes
Oct 16, 2008

Attendance: Jennifer Varney, Mary Taylor, Tammy Nixon, Jamie Montei Whalen, Jim Stewart, Sue Braden, Ida Balko, Tina VanSyckle, Jeff Bennett, Karen Anderson, Teri Terry.

1. Review of Norms

Everyone has a chance to speak
Everyone will attend

2. Blackboard Updates – Teri Terry

- Handout provided
- Several updates in the program to enhance and help teachers include:
 - Scholar – bookmark sharing program
 - SafeAssign – plagiarism software for text files only
- Ingham offering trainings
- All middle schools students are being exposed to Blackboard and are familiar with the terminology
- Parent accounts are now available –
- METS require 20 hrs of online experience – Blackboard covers this requirement. Middle school is getting the most of the hours with the Business Department in the high school catching a portion of teachers. More data will be required to determine if we are meeting the METS with **all** students

3. Open Office

- Feedback – No feedback positive or negative from teachers or students about only having Open Office on student stations.

- Last year in the ISD consortium with Microsoft licensing
 - Jenn will talk to DeWitt public schools as they have gone all Open Source
 - The tech department has been working on developing a completely Open Source computer to run all the district software.

4. 8th grade tech lit assessment – update

154/257 students were proficient
60% efficient
Used Data Director to run results worked much better.
Results are in Data Director to see.

A Cyberbullying workshop coordinated by the media/tech department for K-8 will help provide students with information contained in the 8th grade tech lit assessment. The programs will be the week of Dec 9th.

5. Geek Squad

How will this happen and what will it look like?

- Review of METS checklist
- Training opportunities and ideas
- Equipment needs in buildings
- Dates
- Building issues

Combine trainings and meetings – make sure not all Wednesday – staff time is used.
Karen and Teri to identify dates in their building and work with each other to provide immediate training needs.

6. After school Tech trainings

Time-consuming for the number of participants
Eliminate district level spreadsheet and go to building level trainings.

Trainers can be paid for planning not training on work time.

7. Tech Plan Goals

Minor revisions made this summer to plan for USF funding

Handouts provided, but all can be found in the Technology Plan Notebook

- Technology Goals – new goals must be made and a format must be followed. One needs to be about the county-wide WAN
- Groups broke out to discuss goals with the District Wide Strategic Planning Goals

Brainstormed Goals

Curriculum

Provide an integrated tech curriculum through all subject areas in alignment with state and national standards.

Student achievement

Increase and evaluate achievement by students through the use of technology in the curriculum.

Tech Delivery

Provide tech access to parent, community, staff and students to enhance learning and communication equability.

Curriculum

Professional development opportunities are provided to assist in tech integration to support curriculum based on building specific needs for all staff.

Student achievement

*Analyze data to align curriculum assessment and instruction through the use of technology.

*Evaluating best practices using technology to provide opportunities for success for all students.

*Implementing and provide training students, staff and community on using the WAN.

Identified Goals

-Goal 1 - *Analyze data to align - curriculum assessment and instruction through the use of technology.*

-Goal 2 - *Provide Wide Area Network to enhance learning and communication equitably to community, parents, staff and students.*

-Goal 3 - *Training is provided to assist in technology integration to support*

curriculum based on building specific needs for all staff.

-Goal 4 - *Provide an integrated tech curriculum through all subject areas in alignment with state and national standards.*

-Goal 5 - *Educate and provide appropriate expectations for using a technology-rich environment.*

Plan

Send all goals to all members to get feedback.

Will try electronic means of goal area breakdowns

Geek squad – meet with groups to get feedback

8. Other

Teri gave an update of curriculum links on webpage

INSTRUCTIONAL FREEBIES

Experiment with Science

PBS's Design Squad is a contemporary, inspirational resource for 'tweens" and teens of all backgrounds. Presenting content in a fun and hip format, the site introduces visitors to the world of engineering and empowers young people and adults alike to learn about and experiment with science. The visually compelling format attracts and motivates users to read, watch, build and learn. The video section includes show and bonus footage and also offers fans an inside look at the competing teams and an opportunity to "meet" the cast, while building projects range from creating a mini zip line to building a motorized car. Extensive resources for parents and educators round out the content. The site also reaches out to engineers, offering them the chance to host events and workshops to foster an interest in this vital industry.

For more information please go to:

<http://pbskids.org/designsquad>