Curriculum & Technology
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 6:30 in D.O. Conference Room

Attendees: Dawn Heine (chair), Will Cromley; Kelly Spletzer; Tom DiBello, Dr. Goodin; Mrs. Bast; Mr. Reynolds; Mrs. Long

Curriculum/Technology
Modernized Learning
The bi-weekly pilot meetings continue. There was a student in the program that has left the district, this provided additional learning experiences/information for future. There have been some digital content hiccups and we are aware of them and continue to work on fixes.

Spring City Hybrid Learning
We looked at some data showing how students performed on standardized tests once out of Spring City. We will continue to monitor this information and trends.

Hybrid Learning Expansion
Royersford Elementary has been identified by Administration as the potential next phase of the Hybrid Learning model. This will be in a two year phased approach.
- 2015-16 Grades 1 & 2
- 2016-17 Grades 3 & 4
- Kindergarten will be modified to accommodate the ½ day program while still incorporating the Hybrid Model

Discussions have started with Mrs. Carboy and some staff members about becoming the next hybrid learning school. Work is beginning to ensure a smooth transition.

The funding for the 2015-16 year is coming from regular refresh funds and the leftover Read to Learn Grant

Technology
2015-16 Technology Refresh Purchase Plan
The following items will be purchased in May 2015
- 710 Lenovo desktop computers – computer labs, media centers and classrooms
- 26 Lenovo workstation computers – STEM computer lab
- 175 LENOVO laptops – elementary classrooms grades 2-4
- 92 Apple iPads – elementary classrooms grades K-1
- 68 Apple iMac computers – graphics and TV studio computer labs

A purchase plan will be presented at the April meeting. Financing options that are being considered are:
- Lease via our exiting ePlus Master Lease Agreement
  - About a 2.9% interest rate so about 50K over for years for leasing equipment

- Purchase using funds from capital reserve to be paid back in yearly installments
  - If we purchase it would require about 3M to be tied up for the 4 years of the refresh

Total equipment budget for this purchase is $750,000.

After considering the options the committee along with the Technology department is recommending the approval of a lease agreement with ePlus Group, Inc. for the purchase of the student laptops, student iPads, laptop charging carts, desktop computers and monitors. The total equipment cost not to exceed $800,000 will be divided into four annual lease payments not to exceed $215,600. Per year to be funded by the technology budget

Summer Support Requirements

There will be a motion on the agenda to approve staff for summer support. These staff are needed in order to complete the refresh process that will begin over the summer.