

2014-2015 Regular Meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC)

Fremont Unified School District, Technology Training Center, District Office, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA 94536
December 1, 2014, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Rebecca Smith.

2. Roll Call & Introductions:

Fremont Community Member	Present (Y/N)	FUSD Staff Member	Present (Y/N)
Rebecca Smith, M.S.Ed. TAC Chair, Parent & Educator	Y	Antoinette Schlobohm TAC Vice-Chair & Teacher	Y
Robert Hou, Parent, Mission San Jose HS	N	Anne Damron, TAC Secretary, CSEA Rep., School Secretary	Y
Sameer Desai, Parent, Forest Park Elem.	Y	Rob Reibenschuh, Asst. Principal,	Y
Melissa Heckman, Parent, Harvey Green Elem.	Y	Maile Ferreira, FUDTA Rep. & FUSD Librarian	Y
Linda Licari, Parent, Niles Elementary	Y	Thom Birbeck, Teacher, FUDTA Rep.	Y
Aaron Cammarata, Parent, Mattos Elem.	Y	Michelle Hartman-Gruber, SEIU Rep., Campus Supervisor	N
Vikram Jung, Parent, Mission San Jose HS	Y	Danielle Girard, Instructional Technology Coordinator	Y
Peter Xie, Parent, Parkmont Elem.	Y	Vacant	

Seated Voting Members:

13

Quorum: 8 Voting Members: 15

Joe Siam, CTO, ex-Officio

Y

3. Approval of Minutes: October Minutes were approved with a motion by Aaron and a second by Antoinette. Approval was unanimous with Thom Birbeck and Peter Xie abstaining. November meeting did not have a quorum so only notes were kept and sent out to members on November 5, 2014.

4. Approval of Agenda: Anne motioned to approve the agenda and Linda seconded. The agenda received unanimous approval.

5. Oral Communications--none

AGENDA ITEMS

6. Ongoing Discussion Items:

FUSD Technology Department Update Joe Siam, CTO

Joe and his Systems Administrator attended the Annual California Educational Technology Professionals Association Conference (CETPA). Joe had planning time with the systems

administrator so was the conference was very productive. Technology infrastructure upgrades were approved by the Board of Trustees but due to a bid protest the Request for Proposals (bids) was redone. Bids are due this Thursday.

TAC Communications with FUSD Board of Education

Antoinette Schlobohm

Antoinette is not ready to talk about this. Joe will look into Board Calendar for this item.

Technology Plan

TBD

Rebecca wants to mention that it should stay on the list because it drives everything. Dr. Morris has requested an update. It is a requirement for things like E-Rate funding, etc. It is a good ideas to have and can be a 3-5 year plan. Discussion followed about FUSD’s plan is for integrating technology into instruction to aid with SBAC testing. Joe has two points: how can tech help instruction deliver? The integration belongs to the Curriculum and Instruction Department (brand new this year). As a teacher, it is a two-part thing, stated Thom. In secondary, the tremendous push is how are you changing your classroom to adapt to the common core? Staff is knee deep in this change, so they don’t want to hear about technology. A good concern is preparing our students to take online tests. This is a district thing. The methodology of taking an online test for the first time needs to be addressed. Design of tests is confidential. Are tests and Common Core aligned?

Aaron summarized three points he heard during the discussion:

--A shared knowledge base of technology programs should be developed.

--Show teachers validity of Professional Development for curriculum/technology integration (acknowledge there is a cost, length of information use, and how useful information is)

--How do we prep the kids (online tests, scratch paper, keyboard/mouse classes)

Discussion of mice, availability, usage, need, student desire at different levels etc. continued. Peter noted that teachers have different skill sets on usage of technology devices, projectors, programs, etc.

Aaron suggested that TAC and the Tech department start measuring and quantifying the topics that come up, and then use the data to support the Tech Plan, TAC discussions, etc. to have visibility into the state of technology in the district. For example, what percentage of classrooms have WiFi? How many have 3 or more bars of connectivity? How many devices in a cart are missing keys? Compare this date from this school year to data from last school year.

Technology Integration and Teacher Professional Development
Smith --covered during previous discussion

Becky

Technology Integration and Smarter Balanced Assessments

TBD

--covered during previous discussion

FUSD High Schools Technology Integration Updates Joe Siam, CTO

Do we have a solution for moving carts? Joe recently visited Mission and understands the challenge. Risk Management has some issues with students moving carts. FUDTA has no issue with teachers needing to move carts, though TAC recognizes that some teachers are physically challenged when moving the large, heavy carts.

FUSD Junior High Schools Technology Integration Updates Joe Siam, CTO

Thom noted that his school could not have each cart in each wing at Hopkins due to security concerns.

FUSD Elementary Schools Technology Integration Updates Joe Siam, CTO

Ardenwood now has wireless access up and running. Apple TVs were just installed and Antoinette will be teaching staff to use during the month of December. Discussion continued regarding how Apple TVs are used in the classroom, using GAFE accounts, using shared Google calendars for cart scheduling, etc. Discussion continued about security of devices, apps, etc. Is an access control system a possibility?

Community Feedback on Technology Integration TBD

Peter asked about old thin clients at Parkmont. Joe spoke of his ongoing quest to establish a hardware refresh cycle. Tech Dept. staff is continuing to inventory all devices that are accessing the network. System security was discussed. Next meeting Joe is going to give a roadmap presentation.

Funding Sources & Recommendations TBD --none

7. Scheduled Items:

Discuss TAC Presentation to TAC 2013-2014 Highlights to FUSD School Board -- see above.

Discuss FUSD Technology Department Long Term & Short Term Initiatives --covered during previous discussions.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time: 8:28 p.m.

Next Meeting is Monday January 12, 2015