

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Technology Training Center, District Office
4210 Technology Drive
Fremont, California 94538
September 8, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Joe Siam, CTO
David Thornley, AP Ardenwood will be resigning tonight due to his new position (formerly Instructional Technology Coach or some such!)
Rob Reibenschuh, AP American High School
Thom Birbeck, Teacher Hopkins, FUDTA Rep
Maile Ferreira, District Librarian, FUDTA Rep
Melissa Heckman, Parent
Anne Damron, CSEA Rep.
Vikram Jung, Parent
Antoinette Schlobohm, Teacher Ardenwood Elementary
Aaron Cammarata, Parent Mattos Elementary
Becky Smith, Community Member (full disclosure--also a SDC Teacher Grimmer)
Danielle Girard, Instructional Technology Coach (Interim), Visitor
Samir Desai, Parent, Forest Park Elementary
Robert Hou, Parent, Mission San Jose High School

Absent:

Peter Shoe

Michelle Hartman-Gruber, SEIU Rep.

Approval of Agenda: Meeting was reordered to accommodate schedules of attendees. MSA unanimous

Approval of Minutes: March, April May, June and September will be emailed out and approved at the next meeting to save time. Please come prepared.

TAC Calendar June meeting and this meeting. Subsequent meetings – 10/6/14, 11/3/14, 12/1/14, 1/12/15, 2/2/15, 3/2/15, 4/13/15, 5/4/15 June Meeting is the first meeting of the Technology Committee year.

Oral Communications--None

Standing Items

1. Director's Report – Joseph Siam

Email crash 8/20. Members noted real work got done, people talked to each other and used their fax machines. Biggest challenge for Tech Dept. was that this back end server failure highlighted other system issues.. New Systems Administrator initiated back up system at 8 p.m.—not restored in 36 hours. Used a consultant to restore from a different backup. Some settings were lost causing fluxuating service. Another mail server was built over Labor Day Weekend. Server space is

compromised. Backup system needs to be analyzed and addressed. IT department is looking for advice on backup systems, multiple backups.

New SIS “Illuminate” implemented on 8/20. Smooth cutover, but still plenty of work to do. Issues with Secondary Course names. Board Approved consultant to help with standardization. Data Validation revealed errors. Illuminate handles course names globally. Dropped from 16,000 course names to about 3,800 (should be about 1,600). Employee who worked on this did such a good job; he was hired at the consultant firm. Some of the other pieces of software are now linking with Illuminate. Illuminate Syncs with Child Nutrition nightly. 12 schools voted to use new report cards with rubrics 14 voted to use Engrade for Report Cards. 2 schools are planning to revote.

Many staff members expressed the positives of Illuminate and the implementation.

Tech Department Changes: 17 total people last year when Joe started. Only 4 provided direct staff support.

Joe lobbied to gain 19 more people, with support from Associate Superintendent. Most are tech support team members. Idea was to have three tech support people in each attendance area.

Rumor that SchoolLoop is going away is untrue.

Does FUSD have a DR site? No. Does FUSD want to go to cloud or outsource email to someone like Google? Illuminate uses AWS. Student data is stored on their servers and the company has all the standard security policies in place. Technology Department is looking at a couple potential email changes and needs to work with Associate Supt. regarding these possibilities. Network infrastructure/bandwidth cannot support cloud computing.

Becky attended a webinar on Google Education. (GAFE—Google Apps for Education.) According to Google, our data is our data. Humans are often the weakest point in computer interactions.

Discussion continued on security of systems, data protection, etc.

Questions about Math Expressions, Springboard, etc and their connection to Illuminate. Joe hopes that connections will be made by the end of September.

Robert asked about iParent (attendance, CST scores and grad requirements) and continued functionality. Is there a parent portal in Illuminate? Yes, there is a parent portal and Instructional Services will be working with Technology to roll out. Aaron asked if we have a data metric on parent use of these portals.

Illuminate does have an email address to suggest feature updates. Discussion continued about SchoolLoop and Bright Arrow and communication with parents.

Community Input: AAUW is sponsoring a Discovery Day, which includes a class taught by Becky Smith “Digital Life for Girls” a byod class.

3-3-3 is standard format for student Google account name, for Google apps, etc. Student ID would be password. Log in looks like an email address. The tech department is working on this and integration with Illuminate.

TAC Orientation: Bylaws & The Brown Act

Robert Hou presented this portion of the meeting. He went over the purpose of TAC, why people should join this group and what should we be discussing. Our committee is ½ staff and ½ parent, but not committed to drawing from every attendance areas as other committees are. The need for tech and tech support and personal interest draws people to our committee. We sometimes have issues with quorum. 50 % plus 1 to meet quorum. If can't continue as a member, please let us know so we don't count you in quorum Two year term for members.

Chair Parent /Vice Chair Staff (rotates every year). Vote for Officers for 2014-2015

Becky Smith, Chair (Motion by Rob, second by Aaron Approved, 13 ayes)

_____, Vice Chair, (Motion by Thom, second by Rob Approved, 13 ayes)

Anne Damron Secretary (Motion by Toni, second by Samir, Approved, 13 ayes)

Asked to have full disclosure on items that will be voted on so follow Brown Act. Special committees can be appointed but should be smaller than quorum. TAC cannot discuss things via email. TAC can send information, but not discuss via email.

Develop Presentation with Highlights of 2013-2014 TAC for FUSD Board Meeting

Toni took notes on what to add Engrade, Naviance, Lexia Core 5 demo,

TAC Projects for 2014-15 Ideas Agenda item was tabled.

Development of Next Meeting's Tentative Agenda

Back up systems

Board Presentation

Screencasts for Google accounts (15 minutes)

SB1177

Next Meeting: Monday, October 6, 2014

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.