

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Technology Training Center  
District Office  
4210 Technology Drive  
Fremont, California 94536  
September 16, 2013 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Oral Communications will be at approximately 7:30 p.m. Individuals who wish to speak under Oral Communications need to be present prior to 7:00 p.m. to turn in their request to speak.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Becky Smith, Thom Birbeck, Toni Schlobohm, Suzanne Ayriss, Rob Reibenschuh, Vikram Jung, Maile Ferreira, Joe Siam, CTO; Robert Hou, David Thornley

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Thom Birbeck motions to approve minutes. Rob Reibenschuh seconds approval of minutes. Minutes approved.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

END CONSENT SECTION

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Approximately 7:30 p.m.)

REGULAR COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

0913-01. Introduce Members (New and existing) Information

0913-02. TAC Calendar

0913-03. Meeting dates for 2013-2014: Action

September 16, 2013	December 2, 2013	March 3, 2014
October 7, 2013	January 13, 2014	April 7, 2014
November 4, 2013	February 3, 2014	May 5, 2014

0913-04. Introduce officers for 2013-2014 Information

Board Approved:

Chair: Toni Schlobohm

Vice-Chair: Robert Hou

Secretary: Anne Damron Thank you to Melissa for taking these minutes!

0913-05. Standing Items

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| 1. Director's Report – Joseph Siam | 4. Parent-Teacher-Student Communication |
| 2. Tech Trends/community Input     | 5. Reporting –                          |
| 3. Parent Feedback                 | 6. Departmental Changes                 |

1. Director's Report – Joseph Siam—hired last week. Joe has spent most of his career in Redwood City. He worked his way up through the ranks to Director of Tech. He was a Director for 7 years. Redwood City is a smaller district (16 schools). 3000 computers, 3.5 techs. Joe's approach is influenced by his wife who is a teacher.

Discussion of laptops versus desktops for teachers. Laptops have a tendency to go with the teacher out of the school and sometimes out of the district. Joe is pro-laptop. Likes the district to buy the laptops. Helps with standardization. Leased laptops so hardware could be refreshed. They used Macs.

2. Tech Trends/community Input

-- Rob: Ebooks – AP books at American are pdfs of text books. Takes a long time for page to load. Even if they download it it's slow. Sent all of the ebook licenses back and are hoping to get paper books. Ebook looked cheap. You get X number of licenses. Each is tied to the student. If student drops out, license is lost. Text books are 15 years old even though textbooks are new within the last couple of years. Need to be careful which publishers you get the ebooks from.

--David Elem:entary schools have Engrade. Tied to student information systems. Took until middle of Sept. to get it going but is working well now. Did not enter standards into Engrade since it's changing next year. Has different portals which it's optional for schools to use. David wants teachers to use grading and the rest is optional. Elementary Grades can be archived. Board docs for developing meeting agendas. Accelerated Reader – some schools are not on AR. Tech department is working on getting the rest of schools on AR.

Google drive for storing student info. For storage, sharing files, provides logon credentials, Google docs on steroids. Starting with one teacher at American High Schools. May roll this out to students eventually.

Striving for single sign in for students.

--Rob brought up changing to Illuminate. One of Joe's priority items. He's reading through the proposals now. Rob would like to see the new system implemented in Feb. That's when course planning for next year starts. Training must be done before then. Joe's old district used PowerSchool. Illuminate replaces School Max.

Suzanne – Naviance Ohlone grant is up for renewal soon. Paid for automation – new kids added automatically from SIS. The automation has been turned off and needs to be turned back on. Other things keep taking precedence for the tech staff.

Maille – District is not supporting tech at High Schools. High schools have to hire their own tech support. Teachers vote to do this. It results in larger class sizes because teacher's time is spent doing tech support instead of teaching classes.

Suzanne – brought up on line summer school. Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore have gotten rid of onsite summer school and moved to online summer school. Some summer school programs are accredited. There are also AP classes available on line.

--Robert brought up registering for School Loop. Processing the registration is done by the Registrar at the school.

--Online registration for K-6 through IrReg. It was a monstrous undertaking. They were understaffed.

Watched Zangle instructional video for preregistering for courses.

Joe is attending a meeting Wednesday evaluating laptops for teachers.

1012-06. Present and Discuss Technology Department Initiatives TBD

New laptops; Common Core on iPads; SIS

1012-07. TAC projects for 2013-14 Tabled

1012-08. Development of Next Meeting's Tentative Agenda

--Discussion of Illuminate and progress toward implementation

--Chrome book deployment at ParkMount. Standardization of computers.

ADJOURN 9:15 p.m.