

Technology Committee Minutes

January 14, 2020

A planning session of the Wantagh Technology Committee was held on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at the Administrative Offices, and was called to order by Superintendent of Schools John McNamara and Director of Informational Systems and Instructional Technology Penny Curry at 3:45pm.

The following were present:

Mr. John McNamara	Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Penny Curry	Director of Informational Systems and Instructional Technology
Ms. Courtney Eisenzapf	Secondary Instructional Technology Specialist
Mr. Anthony Ciuffo	Middle School Principal
Mrs. Kimberly Davis	Middle School Teacher
Mrs. Nancy O'Connor	Middle School Teacher
Mr. Nick Pappas	High School Assistant Principal
Ms. Stacey Vespe	Elementary School Teacher
Ms. Joy Giangrande	Elementary School Teacher

John McNamara introduced the committee and thanked members for volunteering. The purpose of the committee is to establish a vision for the next five years to address the management of all technology resources for students and staff and to create a system to evaluate our efforts and check how we are doing.

This vision will include a multi-year approach to updating and replacing existing technology infrastructure and an ongoing plan to proactively replace equipment before it reaches failure. This plan will also be integrated with the instructional vision of the district to support faculty and staff with implementation of technology in a way that best supports instructional goals.

Committee Focus

- The development of a multi-faceted communication plan that addresses the district website, mobile app, teacher messaging, and many others.
- The identification of critical technology skills that all students should develop proficiency in and embedding those skills in a developmentally appropriate way at each grade level.
- A long-range replacement plan for technology infrastructure should be planned out.

Sub-Committees

- Infrastructure, Support and Security
- K-12 Technology Curriculum Integration and Software Review
- District Website
- Communication Planning

Infrastructure, Support and Security

- Wireless
- Security Issues
 - Security on monitoring what students are doing on Chromebooks - Calc X
 - What other tools are available to monitor students?
- Hardware - Continue to replace SMART Boards with Interactive Panels
- DVDs - working on a plan to allow
- How is support going?
 - Middle school: Techs have been very supportive
 - Toner: Is there a way to check the status of the toner and the bulb in order to submit a request to be replaced before it runs out in time of need?
- Kim wants to replace her desktop computer with the use of her Chromebook to Chromecast

K-12 Technology Curriculum Integration and Software Review

- Instructional Component
 - What are the critical skills we want the students to have?

- ClassDojo and Remind on Elementary level

- 6-12 - move to Google Classroom
- School Messenger has ability
- Elementary survey - Stacey and Joy

Nick Pappas - Infinite Campus Training - in spring before end of year

Nick Pappas - Asked about using Canvas as a platform for program access?

Two more meetings - John and Penny will select a few dates and create a Doodle calendar to find a date for most to attend.

Submitted,

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