

River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting

Committee: Technology

Date: 10/16/2017

Meeting Time: 5:20 pm

Adjourn Time: 6:35pm

Present: Fred Iausly, Dick Cates, Julie Case, Tom Wermuth

Agenda Item	Motion	2 nd	Discussion
Approve Minutes 8/15/2017	Cates	Case	Approved 3-0
Technology Policy			A first draft of a technology policy was discussed. In crafting the policy document various issues were covered. They include, should the district continue to chase down and block sites that students are find ways to still access? Are to many staff resources be focused on a cat and mouse game to prevent access to non-approved site? Should the district continue provide free WIFI, but rather focus on a secure network and district devices connected to? Provide greater autonomy to staff to provide access to internet content, working within department to select and vet material in a similar process as selecting textbooks, books and other material? How will this technology policy reference and support existing policies and procedures, ie. policy 310 and 361? Work will continue.
Borderless Classroom			Wermuth updated the committee on the use of an application called Borderless Classroom, that allows teachers to monitor what students are doing on their Chromebooks in the classroom. A few staff are piloting it and finding it very helpful in keeping students on task and guiding instruction. Borderless Classroom is a free component of the Skyward suite currently being used by the district. Wermuth reported that McDermott is also looking at another monitoring software from Hapara (recognized as an industry leader), but the company does not provide trial versions, and current pricing is \$6 per student in the district.
Ongoing Chromebook Implementation Update			Wermuth update the committee that the district has purchased 25 Chromebook that will be used at ACES in grades 3 to 5. These Chromebooks are being used to transition students for their Apple devices so that they will be prepared for next year.
Next Meeting			Scheduled for December 18th
Adjourn	Cates	Case	Approved 3-0