

River Valley School Board - Committee Meeting

Committee: ___Technology Committee_____ Date: ___12/16/2019_____ Meeting Time: ___5:02pm_____ Adjourn Time: ___6:10pm_____

Present: ___Brain Krey, Carla Peterson, Shawn Duren, Mike McDermott, Dan McGuire, Kylie Cates, Fred Iausly, Kathy Jennings, James Radtke_____

Agenda Item	Motion	2 nd	Discussion
Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2019, Technology Committee Meeting	Cates	McGuire	Approved 4-0
Policy 251 Exhibit River Valley Organization Chart			Discussion deferred as part of agenda item #4.
Compare Our 4 Year Replacement Plan for Devices to a 3 Year Plan			<p>Krey presents 2 plans to the committee, the first being the current plan with Chromebooks replacements every 4 years, and a second option to replace Chromebooks every 3 years. With the current 4-year replacement model the 5-year cost is \$285,500. The optional 3-year replacement model the 5-year cost would be \$338,500. It would be a slightly higher annual cost, but should see lower repair costs and higher trade-ins values, while providing more consistent annual budget numbers.</p> <p>Duren updated the committee that the Chromebooks end of life is just over three years but they have extended life about 10 months. When end of life is reached software updates can no longer be done. He also stated that Chromebooks are showing their age and taking a beating. Radtke shared that he is seeing that students are not taking care of the devices as they have before.</p> <p>Krey was going to continue to work on a replacement plan and have something to discuss at the February meeting.</p>
Technology Integration Plan			<p>The discussion centered on changes coming with regards to the Technology Coach and Library positions for the 2020/2021 school year. Peterson shared some thoughts on a Library/Media/Technology(STEM) position. She recently toured Mineral Point elementary and they have established this position that provides classroom instruction to each class for 30 minutes each week and provides instruction/coaching to staff. Radtke shared that at the Middle School there is a broader group of staff that handle technology in different disciplines. However, he stated that there is a need for a Librarian/Media Specialist as a resource for students and staff. Some other roles were discussed such as assisting with some of the distribution/collection of Chromebooks. The committee would like to hear Mr. Blakely's perspective from the High School.</p>

			It was discussed the combining of the librarian and technology coach positions could prove a Library/Media/Technology Specialist position at the PreK-4, 5-8 and 9-12 buildings. It was also discussed that library spaces in the schools need some modernization to better use the spaces by students.
			Note: McGuire needed to leave meeting at 5:45pm
Strategic Plan and Correlation to Committee's Work			It was discussed that the possible changes to a Library/Media/Technology Specialist position ties in with strategies identified in the plan.
Set Next Meeting Date			Next Meeting Date, Monday, February 17 2020 at 5:00pm
Adjourn	Cates	Jennings	Approved 3-0