

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER – APRIL 8, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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Mr. Karl Wimmer
Chairperson

Mr. Craig Owens
Administrative Representative

I. WELCOME

April 8, 2009 Technology Committee meeting began at 7:00 PM

II. ATTENDANCE

Board members present included Karl Wimmer

Administrators present included Craig Owens and Mike Ognosky

Public present included Duane Benedict (HS Teacher)

III. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business at this evening's meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- **Disposition of obsolete computer equipment:** Mr. Owens explained that the majority of the replacement machines for this year will be in the computer labs in the high school: Writing lab, Rooms 63, Room 30, Room 32 and Room 29. The computers removed from these rooms, along with the obsolete equipment currently on site, means that the district will have approximately 250 machines of which to dispose. Mr. Owens feels strongly that removing those machines to the public (as was done on two previous occasions) is not the way to proceed with this group of machines. The man hours required to arrange for the dispersal and the follow up assistance required certainly detracts from his department's effectiveness. He has researched a company called "Interschola" and would like to contact them regarding this equipment. Interschola specializes in working with school districts to sale and/or give equipment to districts in need. It will inventory the equipment, arrange for other schools to purchase the equipment, handle the transaction and dispersal process, and provide us with our share of the profit derived. Mr. Owens was asked to contact the company and come back to the Board in the future with a plan for consideration.
- **MMS Utilization:** There have been concerns raised by parents regarding the updating of the student grade and homework information available on the parent portal. Specifically, the concern is that, in some cases, homework is not available and/or a test grade appears without prior knowledge of it being scheduled. Mr. Ognosky explained that half of the in-service on Thursday, April 9, 2009 will be devoted to a refresher training of the staff to address issues/concerns regarding the operations required to post homework and grades. With the elimination of those concerns, staff will be then required to update their information on a daily basis.
- **Potential Utilization of the Economic Stimulus Funds:** A brief discussion was held regarding the utilization of potential funds received through the economic stimulus legislation. The discussion was limited to funds driven to technology – of which the district is scheduled to receive \$9,300. This item will remain in discussion until the state budget process is completed –at that time the exact amount of the funding will be known.

V. OPEN FORUM

- Mr. Owens discussed the potential for additional secretarial help in the Technology area. This has become increasingly evident with the evolution of the PIMS data collection information and corresponding reporting requirements placed on school districts by the Department of Education. He will further discuss this item at the

upcoming Finance Committee meetings that will be held. He is preparing a report for board consideration at that time.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Mike Ognosky

Mike Ognosky, Technology Director

MFO/dlt