

Minutes from the ITLT meeting on 11-08-05:

* District Technology Policy update:

As per Karen - cut a lot out of the original draft, added several items to make more user-friendly and level appropriate.

Educational purpose statement reformatted.

More specifics can be provided by Dr. Spencer.

When the revised draft is finished being typed, it will be ready to go to Dr. Massaro.

Copies of revised draft will be provided to ITLT's when finished.

* Math software update:

When Compass Learning encounters problems, several suggestions were made for students to use.

Joyce showed some options (as presented through our blog last week). The possibility of having the high school computer programming classes develop programs was discussed.

The purchase of Compass Learning for pre-K through 2nd grade for next year was discussed as was the possibility for more student access.

Pat also showed the work done by the Christina School District (also presented in our blog). See www.christina.k12.de.us/math <<http://www.christina.k12.de.us/math>>

* The download of the Google toolbar was discussed in order to block pop-ups. On the same topic, it was recommended that teachers include a note to the effect of "parental supervision recommended" be included in the recommendation of web-sites for home use given to parents.

* Net Day:

Karen's efforts for this project were recognized and thanked.

* Tech Mentoring:

As per request of assistance for the high school special ed teachers in assistance in using the IEP writing program (see the monthly report for the high school), Linda pointed the teachers in the correct direction. Assistance can be provided from "Leader Services".

Dan Mitchell at the high school requests the assistance using audio books for his special education students. Several options were suggested by Joyce including having NHS students record books for this use.

At FEMS "Flash" is being used very well.

At PLE Pam Howard is using spreadsheets for charting

student activities.

The GPS units' usage was discussed by Joyce and also sample lessons were shared.

* Smart Board usage was discussed. The sharing of strategies and lessons was also discussed. On the district's resource page for AGI there are directions for using the Smart Boards.

* Additional video demos for IGPro will be developed by Karen.

* The AGI intranet is somewhat disorganized. The ITLT's will work with math and LA lead teachers to organize it.

* PLE Techno-Trail: working on proposal for funding for nature trail. Ways to incorporate the GPS units were discussed.

* Videoconferencing: The event at PLE was very successful and engaging for students. Journalism students at the high school recently participated in one as well and Craig saw it to be successful.

* Teach Suite website used at PLE was discussed.

Can more specific reports be generated?
Can comments be organized more efficiently?
Does the program use a database?

Craig will contact the programmer on these issues.

* Karen reported on the Keystone Technology Integration Conference.

* The district's three-year technology plan is up for revision. The tech plan is woven into the strategic plan so the process should not be complicated. EnGauge survey results will be used in the process. More information to come.