

January 2006 ITLT Meeting

- 1) Digital Technology Policy update:
 - a. Olivia is editing changes and will present it to ITLT to review
 - b. Craig sent Pat website guidelines and we still need to cross reference with issues. Child Safety bought up along with privacy. Teachers need to update sites regularly and be professional. Leigh Anna mentioned *iSafe* a program that teaches students and teachers about Internet safety. We possibly will post on the websites as a link for parents/for students.
- 2) Joyce is working on the Tech Plan. Still in the works. May be done by the 15th.
- 3) Tech Fair: Possible date: April 27th?
- 4) Use of personal equipment in school. Teachers wondering why can't use. Three reasons given (Linda will create and send to group a general statement to why this is not supported):
 - a. Tech Staff shouldn't support outside items
 - b. Virus concerns
 - c. Different systems
- 5) District Technology Budget: History given: Technology committee/curriculum advisory committee...they would organize the budget. It was an open process. Consensus achieved about where to spend the money. Principals and everyone should be involved. Will need to meet and communicate about needs. Directive given that by February 14th we need to meet with our principals. Decline noted in budget.
 - a. Need to note items to purchase internally and what we need help to purchase as they are larger items.
 - b. We should be working on the established Tech Plan.
 - c. Principals budgeting replacement computers.
 - d. Marie mentioned trying to get PTA match funding?
 - e. Question of Tech Support staff letting us know what needs and making it part of the budget.

- f. Less than \$10,000? Over \$10,000? Ideas??? Debbie and Leigh Anna have been working on a Nature Trail Grant and need funds to coordinate.
 - g. Need to know building budget of principals and how they use their funds.
 - h. ISSUES: Web Helpdesk...helps us make decisions!
 - i. Are there new software packages, Weather Bug(PLE's link to our Weather Station is http://wncl2.aws.com/WxObs/Live_Display.asp), Systems, blackboard, Smartboards, etc that we are looking at? Joyce mentioned the IU and how they were impressed with what we do with students. It was noted that we need to recognize students before the Tech Fair. A possible link to display their work throughout the year was mentioned.
- 6) Issue of calendar sign out for equipment...Microsoft Outlook. Concerns were not addressed yet. We previewed Karen's Middle School Sign out for Equipment. AGIS/ AGHS will pilot a sign out program.
 - 7) High School passed out their budget request.
 - 8) www.iearn.org was discussed and viewed. In this site you join a project for a cost (which is building funded; a couple hundred) and pick people that you want to work with on a project. K-12 available.
 - 9) DITC (Delaware Instructional Technology Conference); April 5th and 6th. They have a student showcase and Pat asked if anyone had projects that we would like to have showcased in DITC.

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