

District Discussion Notes  
January 11, 2016

**Certified Staff Computer Upgrades:**

Teachers still have quite a few questions about the differences between the three devices from which they will select. Questions include:

- functionality of the Surface Pro 4 as compared to an iPad or other tablet
- options for mirroring from the two Windows devices
- the possibility of a desktop option, and more.

It was agreed that questions would be sent to Jeff Harrison who would address them in a Frequently Asked Questions Document which would be available to teachers prior to making selections.

Each certified staff member will receive an email on January 26<sup>th</sup> with a unique link to be used to select their device (*please do not forward/share links*). Devices are expected to be ordered in early February and ready to be distributed to teachers in early May.

**Tech Expo:** The technology department reported strong attendance at the computer expos being presented at the administration offices before and after school. One last opportunity to get questions answered and try out the three devices will be January 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-5:30pm at the Administration Building.

**Transferring files from H- Drives to the Cloud:** Instructions have been sent out to help teachers move files and folders from h-drives to Office 365 One Drives. Technology Integration Specialists Kelly Moore and Susan Drumm will be going to schools to provide support. All files must be transferred before the h-drives are deactivated at the end of June.

**Student Fees:**

Administration is working to reduce student fees at all grade levels. Dr. Combs is heading this endeavor. The corporation is planning to restore supply budgets at the building level, to support schools, but these efforts are needed to provide relief for families who are incurring additional costs related to the 1:1 initiative.

**Last Day District Recognition Program/Meeting:**

Administration is asking for feedback/ideas to modify the corporation staff meeting on the last work day when retirees/teachers-of-the-year have been recognized. The length of the program, the day's demands, and lower than expected attendance has prompted this conversation. Please share ideas with building Discussion representatives who provide input at the next district Discussion meeting.

**Building Cleanliness:**

Several buildings shared concerns regarding building conditions after returning from Winter Break. Facilities Department administrators Janet Leamer and Harry Delks were aware of one school's situation and will continue to monitor building cleanliness issues. Teachers should continue to communicate problems to their building head custodians and principals. When unexpected situations arise that prevent regular cleaning, head custodians will communicate that to teachers via email. The corporation is aware of concerns with EMS service and are in discussions with the company regarding future contracts.