

Technology Information

1. iPads

Teachers will be issued new iPads and cases. The cases were backordered and might not be here in time for distribution before school ends. Technology will be announcing summer hours for pick-up if you desire or you may wait until fall.

2. ISTEP Technology Glitches with iPads

HSEA voiced concern regarding math issues with iPads regarding exponents and math symbols. Director of Educational Technologies Jeff Harrison indicated it was a Pearson problem and that Pearson is not the vendor on the new test next year in grades 3 – 8, I-LEARN. This test is an adaptive test similar to NWEA. It will only be given in May with results available within a couple of weeks. ISTEP will still be given in high school next year. I-READ will continue to be given in 3rd grade most likely in March.

3. Skyward email notifications

Families have the ability to turn on notifications about lunch account notifications currently. Director of Educational Technologies Jeff Harrison notified us of two additional notifications for attendance. HSEA suggested that technology to check with attendance secretaries. In grades 5 – 12, parents will be able to receive notifications if a class grade dips below a certain percentage such as a C-. These notification options would also be for parents to choose if they wish to do so.

4. Two factor authorization for Office 365

Two factor authorization will be turned on for all staff after Labor Day. For added security it wants to confirm it is you by providing either a cell or a non-school e-mail. You would have to be off of school wifi to receive the request. It would happen every 30 days.

5. Technology Resources for Instructional Assistants

HSEA inquired if instructional assistants who directly support students be granted access to a district-issued device and needed teacher resources. Director of Educational Technologies Jeff Harrison indicated electronic resources vary by license as some are based by student counts. In that case, anyone may have access. However, some resources are by teacher and have been purchased for a specific number of teachers. Some of these are integrated with Skyward by teacher and are synced daily. Mr. Harrison indicated he would check with the Business department about additional devices for instructional assistants as that money had not been budgeted. Instructional assistants would have to leave the devices at school as they cannot be doing work outside of paid hours.

Non-Technology Item

Citywide Campus

Superintendent Dr. Bourff indicated meetings had been taking place with Conner Prairie to provide experiences for fourth graders as Ritchey Woods does for first graders. These opportunities support the idea of a citywide campus. A committee will help develop a curriculum at some point for Conner Prairie 4th graders. They have discussed the idea of a “teacher in residence” at Conner Prairie to facilitate the experience for fourth graders.

Future Discussion Sessions

The discussion team will meet in June and July. Look for minutes during the summer.

Administrators in Attendance

Dr. Mike Beresford, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

Jeff Harrison, Director of Education Technologies

Sean Henseleit, Lantern Road Assistant Principal

Tom Kouns, Director of Infrastructure Technology

Gary Zgunda, Director of Human Resources and Student Services

HSEA in Attendance

Janet Chandler, Hamilton Southeastern High School

Laura Christie, Sand Creek Intermediate

Becky Floetker, Riverside Intermediate School

Brent Freed, Fishers High School

Rachel Hiatt, Fall Creek Junior High

Janet Lee, Hoosier Road Elementary

Peggy Savin, Fishers Elementary