

PTSO General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 2, 2015

2:00 PM

Attendees: Stephanie Marston, Anndi Kawamura, Kate Lyster, Shannon Keehan, Andrea Williams, Kelly Hauptman-Marinas, Erin Getting, Erika Rowe

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Guest Speaker-Jeff Anderson, Director of Information Services and Technology

Q: Can you give us an overview of where HLS stands; the district stands as far as technology and where we as a PTSO should be placing our fundraising monies?

A: IS&T try's for a ratio of 3 to 1 for student computers, and then they further customize based on the campus needs and wants. They currently support Windows Desktop/Laptops, iPad's, and Chromebooks. HLS is currently on schedule to have an upgraded network and 2 carts of Chromebooks in January of this year. The network upgrade should take about 4 weeks. The network part is necessary to keep up with adding technology such as the Chromebooks.

Here's what's coming via the bond money District Wide: Chrome book carts at all our K-8 one or two for each campus rolling out after winter break. Targeting the K-8 mostly because of enrollment, give the campus's more flexibility so all the technology isn't taken up doing tests and assessments. July through June bonds used to be, this is calendar based so he doesn't get his next chunk of money until January.

Q: What is current district pricing, can PTSO get better pricing outside of district (No)?

A: Pricing: Dell, 2 versions non touch screen \$298.99, touch screen \$359
Google Management Council license and Google docs are included.
\$425 for a full laptop and add MS Office License for \$51.
Laptop Cart \$1500-\$2000, but is not required.

Q: What is the trend on where the different equipment is being used?

A: Primary grades usually go for the touch screen, 4-8 usually go for the non-touch screen.

Q: What are the Pros and Cons of Chromebook/iPad vs. a Desktop/Laptop?

A: The world has changed where technology is being used more heavily for testing/assessments/AZ Merit more than instruction. For Assessments, the Chromebook is the way to go. It gets the job done, at a decent price.

All 5 High Schools are going 1 to 1 with iPad's this year. You can do testing on these in a pinch but the benefits are instant on and the App Store. There are so many instructional

apps that can be put on these devices. Con with an iPad is that it's not inherently designed as a shared device. It depends on the App you are using if it supports sharing.

Desktops and Laptops are still a necessary component for instructional purposes too, there are just certain tasks or applications that require a computer. All 3 types of technology have their place in the school.

Q: What are the issues with not purchasing iPad's through District?

A: Each device has software that manages the hardware. Apple has a program that makes it impossible for us to register an iPad that is not purchased through the district (Air Watch). Great piece of software that tells us what each school has, where it is, what apps are running. The Front office can do bulk downloads via their own App Store. If PTSO or a donor wants to donate or purchase iPad's, IS&T can do a swap with one of their stock iPad's to get it into the system.

Q: Can you explain the COPPA form and Google accounts that are required to use the Chromebooks?

A: In order to use the Chrome Book you have to have a Google account (COPPA form). DVUSD has it's own Educational Google Domain that is behind our Firewall so each student has a email address but it can only be used student to student or student to teacher. Their address is their Novell user ID (not their full name). So this is not on public domain.

Q: What's the time frame to get technology from the district. Order, ISNT, back to campus

A: 3-4 weeks

That being said, they are looking to start stocking a number of iPad's, Apple TV's, etc...so that orders can be filled quickly with stock on hand.

Q: What about Air Printing from the Chromebooks and iPad's?

A: Most Air Printers on the market are ink jet, which isn't a feasible device in a school environment because the cost per page is so high. They are looking at Laser printers with Air Print technology and that may be in the future. Right now, students save their documents to Google Drive or email it to themselves and then print from a laptop or desktop in the library or computer lab. The direction is to go paperless-Canvas is being used in the HS environment and exclusively at e-School to manage assignments. Canvas replaced blackboard and is an easy way for teachers to organize their assignments. The program runs on all the platforms and there is an iPad application. Hoping as time and training allows that more teachers will start using the technology. HLS has 31 laser printers on campus now.

Q: Is there enough space on the Google Drive, does it get cleared out every year?

A: Each student gets 2 Gigabytes of storage, which should be plenty as music, videos, and photos take up the most space. The Google drive stays with the student the whole time they are in district and then it's retained for 6 months after they leave.

Q: What if we want to buy now, will that hurt our numbers for what we are slated to get in the future?

A: They don't take donations or purchases from PTSO, Business Partner, and Title One into the counts, so no that would not reduce the numbers.

Q: Electronic forms vs paper forms.

A: This is something that is on the table every year to implement, there is a lot of State Laws and other obstacles that keep us with the paper forms for now.

Q: Leasing equipment vs Buying equipment, is there any benefit to a lease?

A: Only a slight benefit if any and there are issues with using Bond money to pay a lease and also having leasing dates coincide when monies are available.

Q: What is the technology refresh rate and warranty?

A: Desktop 7 years, laptops every 5. Some campus's are a little behind –some student laptops that needed to be replaced in the summer but will be done early next year. Everything we buy has 3 year parts and labor warranty. Some parts are not covered, like batteries; those are always a campus expense. Still feeling things out with iPad's on what is needed with vandalism vs. repairs. Right now for the iPad 1 to 1 program at the High School, parents pay a \$25 liability waiver, if they break it, it's another \$50, if they lose the iPad or it's stolen it's \$100.

Q: Is there anything we can do as a PTSO to make things easier on your department?

A: If there is a project we want to tackle they are wide open to partnering in projects that sync with their standards.

Q: Where is the approved products list kept?

A: It is on the District Portal.

Q: Jeff's question to us, what do we think the greatest need on the campus

Jeff's list:

A: Ceiling mounting projectors, networks, mobile devices increase (we agreed)

C. Essential Motions

a. Bank Changes

- i. Kate Lyster entertains a motion to approve adding Kris Hart, Anndi Kawamura, and Stephanie Marston as signers to our PTSO Bank of America account.

- ii. Erin Getting Seconds
- iii. Voice Vote is unanimous

D. Budget

- a. Anndi went over high level of budget. No questions.
 - i. Kate Lyster entertains a motion to approve the budget
 - ii. Erin Getting Seconds
 - iii. Voice Vote is unanimous

E. Open Committee Chairperson Positions

- a. Erin Getting will Chair the Holiday Shop. THANK YOU ERIN!
- b. Andrea Williams idea: Family Night Book/Reading night. Kids bring books to event and get tickets for each book (limit 10), they are sorted into types (Girl Scouts help with this) and then they can pick new books to take home. Add a reading component, games, etc..to the event. Anndi suggested March during the Read-A-Thon and Dr. Seuss Bday and to get this idea over to Kristi Snell. More to come.....
- c. Andrea Williams wants to be involved in teacher appreciation week.
From Notes from Aug Board meeting: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Monthly Treats—•Wendy Murtagh is chairing Monthly Treats, budgeted at \$100 per month. Thank you Wendy!!
•September, November, December, January, February OR March, April Budget: Last year we spent \$1121.83 that included the week and breakfast. Add \$318 for Valley Luna (really \$636) and \$659 for the monthly. This year \$600 for monthly and for the week we are looking to do Zuppas Lunch, Raffle, and Lottery Tickets with is about \$1000. Stephanie will lead Fall and Spring Conference Dinners with Kate's assistance. We probably don't need a chair for the week appreciation unless they want to go beyond what we've planned to do.
- d. Concessions, Kelly will help in some way. Stephanie will work on instructions breakdown for all the activity that goes with planning and running concessions so that we can get more assistance in this area.
- e. Concerns with Copy Cats—PM person needs notification if AM person completes all copies. Working on a notification list, adding another day. More to come on this via email.

F. Upcoming Events

- a. We did not get to discuss this area

G. Bearathon Meeting September 9th @1:30 PM

From notes from Aug Board Meeting: Early Oct. Goal to double the amount of sponsors this year (\$3000.00). Voted to implement some kind of back end database for tracking like FMP or SQL. Looking for a DJ solution, we all agreed to inviting Mrs. Nicks Heroes, OK with keeping the same running format, Eric working on logo. Incorporate Ben's Bells-community gives back, prizes like character cart, teacher rally, and assembly.

H. Adjourn