Minutes of the Technology Committee Meeting Held January 25, 2012 In the Calabasas Middle School Library

I. Introduction8

A public meeting of the Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No. 35 Technology Committee was called to order at 3:45 p.m. Present at the meeting were the following: Stephen Saint-Coeur, Allison Fluke, Donna Bazzo, Haydee Montemayor, Linda South, Mary Lucker, Raymond Meeker, Jennifer Meeker, Jennifer Spegal, and Kim Armenta.

II. Discussion:

Mr. Saint-Coeur introduced David Ramirez from the Website Development group of Border Echo. David demonstrated a demo of what the website would look like if we were to contract with his company for a redesign. David demonstrated how to make a webpage and how to edit the site for the committee.

A roundtable of questioning was held and committee members were able to ask specific question on how this type of website would work. Committee members about a search feature, the ability to make blogs, and the ability for WYSIWYG editing feature for WebPages.

David also explained that using the WordPress language all of these options would be possible. Training videos were requested as well as the ability to create new pages and pointers to these pages on-the-fly. David demonstrated the creating of a new webpage using WordPress and a mock link to the new webpage.

The transfer over to Gmail over the Christmas break was also discussed. The committee asked questions about the transfer of email over from the old accounts.

The committee also asked for an update on why Payroll is still using the old Outlook to email paystubs. Mr. Saint-Coeur indicated that a direct link to Gmail is not possible with our current payroll system however a solution to build a relay server to transfer email from our payroll system was in the works and should be finished in the next 3 - 4 weeks.

Mary Lucker also asked about getting rights to enter grades for the specialty classes at the elementary to have the ability to enter grades over a longer period of time. Mr. Saint-Coeur indicated that it would be best to contact Rita Sanchez for these rights.

Title 3 quotes were requested by Linda South for technology in order to apply for a grant that is being written. Committee members also discussed the appropriate use of White Elephant monies for technology use. Netbooks were discussed and the general majority agreed that netbooks would be a good choice for students here.