SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE NOTES 8-12-2010

Attending the meeting were Dan Fontes, Allison Fluke, Carlos Robles, Haydee Montemayor, Jennifer Argyros, Jennifer Spegal, Judith Hyden, Judy Riffle, Kim Armenta, Mary Lucker, Rodney Rich, Steve Saint-Coeur, Christine Bogart, Linda South, and Donna Bazzo.

Absent from the meeting was Eleanore Rankin, John Fanning, and Dave Verdugo.

Minutes from the previous meeting last year were not available.

Mrs. Riffle explained the primary purpose of these meeting would be to improve instruction through the use of technology and that meeting will be scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month. Committee members were encouraged to use email to share ideas.

Mr. Saint-Coeur was asked to request that Human Resources be contacted to add the principals to the Technology Email list so they can keep informed on the meeting notes. The 2010 technology plan overview was given by Mr. Saint-Coeur and the committee asked that the technology plan be added to the district website. Mr. Saint-Coeur was assigned the task of posting the technology plan on the website.

The new website was discussed and it was agreed that each site should have a delegate to manage that portion of the website. It was suggested by Jennifer that we add a Parent Resource Link to the new website. It was also suggested that we ask the developer for documentation on how to train staff on creating websites.

Superintendent Fontes asked the committee to review and reassess website access. The committee asked Mr. Saint-Coeur to provide a copy of the Categories that are currently being blocked in Websense for the staff so they can review for the next meeting.

Mr. Robles reminded the committee that we will also need to review our Employee Acceptable Use Policy as soon as possible.

 Ms. Fluke informed the committee that Weblockers at Rio Rico High School is not being used by many teachers. Private accounts for students were also discussed and the committee agreed to review this over the next year so the student policy can be reviewed and adjusted accordingly. Mr. Saint-Coeur informed the committee that the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires that we rewrite this student policy this year.

Mr. Saint-Coeur reported that Genesis data integration has begun and that he is currently integrating the Food Service, IEP-Pro, Weblockers, and Follett Library databases with Genesis. Ms. Fluke also stated that the counselors at the High School were not properly trained in the use of the new student information system and that this was causing problems with the scheduling. It was requested that Mr. Saint-Coeur speak with Student Information Technician Rita Sanchez to find out if and why this was the case and report back to the committee next meeting. More training for teachers was also requested.

Mr. Saint-Coeur updated the committee on the $300,000 ERate project in progress at Mt. View. Work on this project is to be finished in the next month and will allow for 90 new internet connections, new backbone switching, and video drops for laptop in the ceiling.

Judy Riffle stated that a grant for $5,000 was pending for the Intel Teach – Enhancing Education through Technology. Judy stated that she is in the process of setting up more training for the teachers in the upcoming year for this. Mrs. Riffle explained that 25% of the monies provided by this grant must be used for professional development. The physical problems of laptop carts, extension cords and other items needed to setup these laptops were also discussed. Donna Bazzo suggested that when grants are written in the future that these items be considered as part of the grant.

The next meeting has been set for Thursday, September 9th at 3:45 P.M. in the District Office Meeting room.