Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District #35 Technology Committee Notes 9-9-2010

Attending the meeting were: Jennifer Argyros, Steve St. Coeur, Haydee Montemayor, Linda South, Judy Riffle, Mary Lucker, Judith Hyden, Jennifer Spegal, Jim Anders, Eleanore Rankin, Donna Bazzo, Rod Rich

Absent from the meeting were: Allison Fluke, Carlos Robles, Kim Armenta, Dave Verdugo, John Fanning, Gail Rich, Stephen Schadler, and Renee Huerta

Minutes from the last meeting dated 8-12-2010 are on the district website.

Mrs. Riffle explained the primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss the tech plan, which is the driving force for all the future technology decisions and budget. The tech plan is on the website for review and will have to be reviewed/updated each year and also relate to the ADE ALEAT Comprehensive Plan.

Internet Use Policy Review – Outdated and needs to be upgraded. Mrs. Riffle suggested that we begin looking at the Internet Use Policy. It was decided that we redo the Internet Use Policy and not just update the agreement as it is now. According to Steve St. Coeur the first one that needs to be updated is the Internet Use Policy for Students.

Mr. Rich suggested we create the Internet Use Policy for Teachers first so that teachers could be given more access and have an understanding of what is acceptable. A discussion ensued on where to go to find examples of Internet Use Policy. Linda South volunteered to get the policy for Vail Unified School District and Mr. Rich said we could locate all the policies through the School Boards Association website. Mr. Rich brought up the policies so that everyone could view them, and a decision was made to set this up on Google Docs so we could all edit it.

Mrs. Bazzo explained to the committee that the overall Internet Use Policy needed to be approved by the Board. (IJNDB) The remaining copies can be approved by a supervisor. Mrs. Bazzo will assist the committee with guaranteeing that we have regulations and policies set up correctly.

Mr. Anders informed the technology committee that Genesis will be available to parents next year.

Jennifer Argyos requested that we are more specific so that all users understand exactly what they are signing so there is no misunderstanding.

Mr. St. Coeur brought up the fact that we need to address all the new technologies; such as cell phones, lpods, and etc., in the Internet Use Policy. Mr. Anders made us aware that there are court cases now that address whether schools have the right to prohibit the use of certain technologies.

Mr. St. Coeur said that we had accepted a bid from Qwest last year to run lines for more bandwidth, but in order to get the procurement done. Qwest came back with an additional \$220,000. The District's portion of the monies necessary was \$30,000. Qwest is the only company that can provide a landline. The board will bid on this next week as to whether we will be accepting bids to raise Internet access to 21 Megabytes. This upgrade could potentially double the bandwidth between campuses.

Notes for future meetings: WiFi, Complete Internet Use Policy, Genesis, Web Blocking, the New Website