

Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District #35
Technology Committee Notes 10-14-2010

Attending the meeting were: Mary Luckner, Allison Fluke, John Fanning, Steve St. Coeur, Haydee Montemayor, Linda South, Kim Armenta, Dr. Judy Riffle, Jennifer Spegal

Absent from the meeting were: Rodney Rich, Carlos Robles, David Verdugo, Gail Rich, Stephen Schadler, Jennifer Argyros, Eleanore Rankin, Jim Anders, Judith Hyden, Donna Bazzo and Renee Huerta

Minutes from the last meeting dated 9-9-10 are on the district website.

Meeting Norms: Haydee Montemayor welcomed all committee members and reminded them of meeting norms.

Complete Internet Use Policy: Committee members reviewed a hard copy student acceptable use policy, and hand wrote suggested changes. Haydee Montemayor edited the document on IDEAL Google DOCS as members suggested changes (fee, EIS, other district examples, formatting changes, signatures, wording).

Web Blocking/Web Use/Filtering System: Steve St. Coeur reviewed the information he sent by email for committee members to show opening/unblocking of all websites. We reviewed recommendations from Mr. Fontes.

Google Docs: Steve Saint-Coeur reviewed information from a Google Docs conference he attended last week, which suggested changing to GMAIL all at once, but keeping the old email service as a backup. Other districts have had issues with GMAIL, archiving as required by state. Steve Saint-Coeur said we must archive email. There are also fees for combining the two services. IDEAL has all these services free. It is not recommended that all emails be transferred over to GMAIL, but people can archive all old email into their new GMAIL.

New Website: There are no tutorials for setting up websites. Some trainings will be provided at the high school and for the district by the website designer.

Genesis: Updates are made at weekly administrator meetings by our business office. There are still issues with attendance and the high school. Kinks are still being worked out. IEP PRO and Genesis have been linked along with libraries. Steve Saint-Coeur listed positive aspects of Genesis.

Wi-Fi Update: The committee needs to make a decision about this quickly. Steve Saint-Coeur is meeting with company representatives who will help determine how to inexpensively update the Wi-Fi capabilities in the school district. This would require the integration of WAPs (Wireless Access Points) ports and other equipment to service the school district. The cost for each port is \$300 which comes with a free license, but in order to service a greater area, additional licenses may be purchased. The representatives will be here to provide the equipment to demo this process and see how it works. Steve Saint-Coeur recommends using Microsoft Money to buy 1 WAPs for each campus He also proposes that

schools purchase additional WAPs according to their own needs in order to balance/share the cost that they can justify based on how much each campus uses this service. RRHS, for example, might start purchasing a WAP for the library, and then purchase additional WAPs for each of their classroom pods. It is recommended that a specialized company surveys the school district in order to adequately determine how many WAPs are needed. Steve Saint-Coeur will bring the recommendations that he acquires next month to the Technology Committee meeting. When he was asked whether he recommends that the district should provide wireless access, he said that he strongly recommends that the district does given that now, more than ever, teachers want to rely on having internet connectivity as they use laptops around the classroom. Judy mentioned that there have been additional number of teachers who have the capability to use laptops and projectors due to the Intel Teach with Technology program and recommended that teachers wanting additional technology in their classrooms seek donations or apply for grants given the limited funding for this type of technology integration this year from Title 2D, which indicated that the monies available for this year are solely used for professional development.

The 20 megabit internet connection and wireless WAN were Board approved (seeking of the bids, 2nd Board approval for purchase is required). Bids can be accepted now. He will be filing forms that will then undergo a selective review, need to be Erate approved, and will require equipment to be installed. Once Steve Saint-Coeur is able to decommission some of the hardware, he will be able to double the bandwidth. This may all occur next year.

Items for Future Meeting: Next technology committee will be November 10 as of now, but member will email Haydee about this given that November 11th, what would be the next normal meeting date is a holiday. Members will review student acceptable use policy that will be sent via email and posted on Google Docs.