Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District #35 Technology Committee Notes 12-9-2010

Attending the meetings were: Haydee Montemayor, Mary Lucker, Donna Bazzo, Steve Saint Coeur, Allison Fluke, Kim Armenta, Linda South, Jennifer Spegal, Judith Hyden and our guests were Renee Huerta and Bernice Rodriguez.

Absent from the meeting were: Carlos Robles, Eleanore Rankin, Jennifer Argyros, Judy Riffle, Rodney Rich, Christine Bogart, Dave Verdugo, Jim Anders and John Fanning.

Minutes from the last meeting dated 10-4-10 are on the district website.

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

Complete Internet Use Policy: Haydee Montemayor reminded everybody that the Tech Committee had accepted the Completed Internet Use Policy. Steve Saint Coeur brought up additional items that need to be added regarding Bullying. We will discuss this at the first meeting in January, and present to the board January 25, 2010. Steve Saint Coeur volunteered to present to the board.

Donna Bazzo asked for more discussion on this policy and was looking for further clarification on some of the restrictions. If Donna has more questions, Haydee is available to meet with Donna to clarify any further questions.

Web Blocking/Web Use/Filtering System: As a group we discussed the feedback we have received from teachers. Donna Bazzo stated the teachers at each site need to have training to know what their internet use rights, responsibilities and repercussions are for proper internet use. Discussions ensued on all the various problems for teachers trying to find usable curriculum online without problems.

Google Docs: Haydee Montemayor told us all that a decision was made at a prior meeting that we will be keeping Microsoft Outlook and Google Docs.

New Website: The initial discussion centered around the problems we are finding on the new website, and where do we go to add information and who is in charge? Haydee Montemayor expressed concerns that despite the idea to have a centralized and district-wide calendar on the main district web page, there are practically no activities for the second half of the school year. Josie and Julie are the contacts if someone wants to add to the main webpage or the calendar.

Genesis: Various representatives from the different schools discussed the Genesis triumphs and issues that they were experiencing at their school. Judith Hyden stated that Joe Hammond had been helping them with Genesis troubleshooting and training.

Steve Saint-Coeur said the Genesis parent portal will be made available around the first part of January. Then parents and students will be given an account. Allison Fluke explained that teachers need at least

one teacher who is an expert at each school, but now they are mainly focusing on the secretarial staff only. Judith Hyden asked about changing some of the Genesis columns to make it easier.

Wi-Fi Update: In his Wi-Fi Update, Steve Saint Coeur said that they will be approaching the board to discuss WI-FI and how they are proceeding. After the holiday ,tech support will begin supplying wireless for the middle schools and high schools with an additional 180 drops, but nothing for elementary this year. The government has begun freeing up more of the E-Rate monies with the new administration. There will also be additional telephones lines installed where they are most needed first. The new IP telephones lines will not use any bandwidth. Renee Huerta, Pena Blanca principal, asked about adding phone lines to the new building that does not have any phone service yet. Steve stated that that had been written in for next year.

Steve asked if we could have a projector set up for the next meeting so he could demonstrate what the parental logins will look like.

Items for Future Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on January 13, 2010. Our topics will be: Preparation for January 25th board meeting.