

Glenbrook District 225 Technology Committee Minutes – February 25, 2010

Members Present: Bretag, Jakes, Regalbuto, Riggle, Thimm, Wegley

Members Absent: Hammer, Shein

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 a.m.

Technology Projects 2010-2011

The meeting began with a quick overview of the agenda and the purpose for the meeting. A technology projects review for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years was presented by Mr. Thimm. During the discussion of the projects, Dr. Regalbuto suggested that Docufide be added to the list of projects completed. In addition, she suggested that a follow-up study should be considered to gauge the success of the Docufide system and its ability to meet the needs of students in the district.

The committee then reviewed the proposed technology projects for the 2010-2011 school year presented by Mr. Thimm in his memo titled "Proposed Technology Projects for the 2010-2011 School Year." Mr. Thimm provided a brief description of each project and fielded any questions or concerns.

Proposed Technology Budget

The proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year was presented in comparison to the budgets for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years. The budget dropped by 30% from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010 and the proposed budget for 2010-2011 is an additional 22% reduction. It was noted by Dr. Riggle that the district aggressively sought to eliminate technical problems of several years during 2008-2009 by replacing much of the district infrastructure and through the deployment of MacBooks to teachers and establishing a refresh cycle for computers throughout the district. He also noted that the proposed budget will continue to meet the expectations outlined in the district vision for technology and that elements of that vision are responsible for greater efficiency, and increased services at a reduced cost.

Committee members were complimentary of the technical turnaround that has occurred and the continued improvement that will be gained through the proposed projects for 2010-2011. Dr. Regalbuto suggested that time should be taken to visually represent the reduction in costs over the last two years along with an emphasis on the increased services and success with various aspects of the vision.

E-mail System Demonstration

Mr. Thimm provided a demonstration of Microsoft Exchange e-mail and the webmail interface that will be used. With just a few technical aspects to be completed, it will be launched for students and staff on a limited basis this semester and will fully replace Novell GroupWise for staff by the end of June.

ServiceWise Demonstration

Mr. Thimm provided a demonstration of the recently implemented application “ServiceWise” that is being used by the district to operate the service desk. He showed the committee how it appears for the staff and how service requests are entered and trailed. He then demonstrated how it is used by the technical staff and the types of reports that can be generated. It was suggested by Dr. Regalbuto that it would be more appropriate as a demonstration for the board later in the spring when it contains more data.

Future Meeting

No future meeting was set.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.