

St. Dominic Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the school library. Present were Cindy Blanchet, Joyce Sauer, Karen Chaffee, John Hildebrand, John Chovanec, Steve Schuh, Tom Rieger and Meg Picciolo.

June minutes were approved with one addition.

ETA asked to move the 3-5 year hardware strategic plan to September. Chris asked that we remind all staff NOT to click on a link to be removed from an email list they did not register to be on. This increases SPAM as they are looking for valid email addresses. They are working with the SPAM filter to try and make it perform better.

Summer project update: Endpoint Services was removed from the server because of compatibility issues. ETA has replaced our switches for the fiber network. Three SMART boards were installed. Teacher computers are set up and ready to go. Joyce asked about providing teachers with remote access to their computers over the summer. Logistics do not support this availability. It was reported that not all staff members are receiving prompts to change their passwords for security.

Church Management Database – group will be meeting after the regular technology meeting. A live guided tour is scheduled for Friday for Rasiers Edge CRM. Meg will contact the archdiocese regarding their use of Rasiers Edge for the FIOF campaign. Tom will formulate a document that will delineate all the considerations to be reviewed for database use, administration and maintenance. Debbie Pedretti will work on comparing Logos with PDS head to head. Cindy will do research on DBISAM databases (type PDS is moving to).

School/ Education-Britannica Online Encyclopedia is up and running. Math evaluations are going well; will have websites available to Joyce by the weekend. Patty has not heard from Orchard; she will follow up. John C. reported that Joyce has a new title, "Tech Coordinator" which better describes her role. Joyce asked if we will accept donations for SMART boards. Yes, however solicitation of monies or donations for SMART boards or other projects are on hold during the FIOF campaign. Jennifer Bass offered to join the School/Education workgroup. Meg suggested the school look into using email for the weekly parent newsletter created by John C. items distributed in the family folders could be attached/linked to this weekly newsletter, reducing volunteer hours, printing and paper costs. Meg will set a time to meet with John to show how this can be accomplished. Sue Kahler, School Board President had some reservations to this approach, unless options were offered. Joyce inquired whether students could be set up to email work home from school. This issue would be put on the September agenda.

The global address list needs to be reviewed and updated. Changes to the school website navigation were recommended; FORMS should be part of the heading bar, search feature should be added. Currently our website has a sitemap.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

Meg Picciolo
Technology Secretary