

Technology Committee Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the school meeting room. Present were John Chovanec, Christine Hoeffler, Steve Schuh, Chris Hugi, Dave Reith, Joyce Sauer, Cindy Blanchet, Tom Rieger and Meg Picciolo. John Hildebrand was excused.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Jolly Phonics SMART board software: The software is not available at this time. Support information is also not available. Future support will come out of England. Until software is released and it can be tested and support issues are clarified, this purchase should be put on hold.

Food Service Management solution: Christine Hoeffler viewed the Horizon software Kid Serve online and indicated that it looks like a good program; easy to use. Separate databases vs. a centralized data were discussed. At this time further research should be done to make important determinations. A database workgroup meeting will be scheduled. There are many food service management solutions available. Meg checked with St. Luke's Parish and they do not have a software solution that we could acquire from them.

Summer Maintenance and PC reassignment: Work will be done in phases: New lab computers are already installed. New parish staff computers will be installed the first week in June along with removing any PCs that will be discarded. Reassigned computers in the school by mid-June before school closes and the rooms are taken apart. Joyce will head cable management. Joyce has established the software installation for each classroom/grade for student computers. Additional requests have come in for PCs; Day care has requested 5 computers, up 2 from their current 3, Kathie Beuscher requested a PC for the Outpost and the parish center has requested a PC for the volunteer desk in Jeanne Verthein's office since that computer is in use by Mike Laskey. These additional requests will require use of NetVista PCs on our campus. Reassignments will be reviewed and updated prior to ETA beginning work on June 2.

Susan McNeill has requested remote access during her maternity leave. The new sonic wall has VPN capabilities. However we are still struggling to get the new hardware functioning properly. Different levels of filtering are not working. Also, a key is that using the VPN will require increased bandwidth. This would be a monthly increase in our internet expense. This feature is also limited. ETA will set up VPN for testing with 6 users: Karen, Debbie Becker, Susan McNeill, Joyce Sauer, Meg Picciolo and Fr. Dave Reith.

The parish is in need of a solution for envelope printing; #10, 9"x12" especially. Currently we generally use labels for larger volume envelopes, but labels are limited as far as color and printed envelopes look more professional. Steve will look at what capabilities are available for our current printers. Chris will research the GCC printer and other options for a dedicated envelope printer.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2009 in the school library.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Picciolo