

Technology Committee Minutes
November 18, 2009

Present were Tom Rieger, Joyce Sauer, John Chovanec, John Hildebrand, Cindy Blanchet, Meg Picciolo, Carrie Vollmer, and Chris Hugi.

October minutes: approved.

Student classroom software: Discussion on student classroom software and the possibility of adding Office 2007 to student classroom computers continued. Typing Jr, Inspiration and Kidspiration are to be removed from the student classroom computers. This will allow more standardized configurations. Setting up student email addresses was discussed. Further discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

Strategic plan: Discussion regarding increasing funding to cover the loss of the IBM grant included raising student tech fees. Tech fees have not been raised since 2002. John C. will discuss with Karen in determining the best option. Another option to consider for the school lab and classrooms is implementing thin clients. Chris indicated that they have installed thin clients in other grade schools and high schools. Benefits are ease of maintenance, space and cost savings, including energy savings. Issues include some of the older software is difficult to run and longevity of the systems is unknown. Chris will put in place a test setup. Chris Hugi will provide a detailed inventory of our hardware and network resources, a replacement or 4-5 year rotation plan with associated yearly budgets to assist in completing the technology strategic plan. This report can track costs per department. Karen will provide Chris with the list of department in which to divide costs.

Database Case: The updated draft was distributed. Project history was added with associated appendixes. Tom will develop "Deciding Factors #1 Company vision & #2 Database type," Karen will develop "Deciding Factors #3 Costs." Meg will email the case to all for committee review and edits.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is December 16 at 7:00 pm in the parish center conference room.

Submitted by Meg Picciolo

AGENDA January 20, 2010

Strategic Plan

Database Case

Technology Policies (Hardware/Software/Network)