



District-wide Technology Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2018; 4:00 p.m.

Central Administration Office Board Room

Minutes

Members Present: Superintendent Douglas Sullivan, Mr. Brian Ham (Dickinson High School), Mrs. Elisa Kensinger (Dickinson High School), Mr. Christopher Kovash (Dickinson Middle School), Mrs. Kristi Meidinger (Heart River), Mrs. Andrea Dvorak (Heart River Elementary), Mrs. Chantal Heth (Jefferson Elementary), Mrs. Rebecca Bautz (Prairie Rose Elementary), Mrs. Jackie Glaser (Prairie Rose Elementary), Ms. Kelly Jahn (Lincoln Elementary), Ms. Emily Bren (Roosevelt Elementary), Mr. Brent Seaks (Board Member), Mr. Mitchell Murphy (Technology Coordinator), Mrs. Laura Hondl (Technology Specialist), and Mrs. Stacy Northrop (Technology Specialist).

Members Absent: Mrs. Kim Goodall (Dickinson Middle School), Mrs. Danielle Kappel (Dickinson Middle School), Mrs. Lexi Steiner (Roosevelt Elementary), Mrs. Cil Skabo (Community Member), and Mrs. Laura Kelly (Jefferson Elementary), Ruth McCabe (Lincoln Elementary), Mr. Ryan Dukart (Technology Specialist).

Call to Order: Superintendent Sullivan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Norms: The meeting norms were available on the agenda.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda Items: There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of December 12, 2017, Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Meidinger moved to approve the meeting minutes, as presented. Mrs. Dvorak seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Topics

Google Classroom- Dr. Sullivan stated that Google classroom is being piloted at the high school in the History, Health Careers, and Science departments along with a few grade levels at the elementary, 4th and 5th. Mr. Ham was asked to give a quick update on how the pilot is going. Dr. Sullivan also stated that there has been a survey created by the district techs and sent to the teachers for the students to take. Mr. Ham stated that there are currently three teachers using the program at this time with a plan of the two more science teachers and the rest of the history department planning to implement the program during 4th quarter. Mrs. Kathrein arranged training through EduTech for the teachers with a follow up session to take place in March. The teachers at DHS are enjoying the program and would not like to go with anything else. The program is seamless, easy, and simple to use. Kids did not have issues signing up and there have not been any issues since. Edmodo always had problems with images and files not showing. Google classroom has not had these issues. Teachers have the ability to create files and share them and as the students edit the document it auto uploads to the teacher's folder. Teachers are able to see progress in live time as the students edit the assignments. With Google forms, they are able to create tests, are able to grade online, and leave comments on tests or quizzes. Google classroom has programs that are similar to Microsoft products, such as Sheets, Slides, and Draw. Mrs. Dvorak stated that with the training they had they choose Google classroom so that it can carry their accounts across grade level. Mrs. Glaser asked if it was possible

to set the student password for their accounts and not allow them to change them, so that the teachers could monitor what the students are doing. Mr. Ham stated that there are a lot of settings that are adjustable for the students controlled by the teachers. He also stated that the students really like being able to take tests on line as they feel they write more and there is no confusion on which program to use, as they are all the same. Mrs. Glaser asked about browsers and using Google classroom, in her understanding that Chrome has extensions that are educational, she asked if the students are using Chrome. Mr. Ham is, Mr. Jung is not, and Mrs. Johnson is. The teachers have had a fake student account created so that they can log in and test how things work. They have tested Classroom in Edge and Firefox and have not run into any issues. Mr. Ham stated that his concern right now is that there is no way to lock the students into the browser when taking a test, but does believe that there is a program to accomplish this.

Embedded Technology – Dr. Sullivan asked for comments on how the embedded technology is going in the buildings for Grades 4 and 5. Mrs. Dvorak stated that there has been two trainings and have met with EduTech to work out some different ideas. Mrs. Glaser stated that she has submitted her list of names for Google Classroom, along with getting parent permissions. Ms. Jahn stated that she has used Edmodo in the past and wanted to know if Google Classroom had similar options. Mr. Ham said that it does and has a lot more options then he had in Edmodo. Mrs. Heth asked if the carts needed to be plugged in all the time. The tech staff stated that the carts charge in cycles and this would not have an effect on the battery life. Dr. Sullivan requested from the elementary committee members that they provide a list of names for the 2nd and 3rd grade pilot teachers to Mrs. Kathrein and Mrs. Hondl. Second grade teachers will need to meet to go over which apps are being requested for the pilot.

Next Meeting Date— The next meeting date has been set for March 26th, 2018.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes provided by Laura Hondl.