

## **Technology Meeting 2/21/07 Minutes**

**Attendees:** Kate Dickey, Carlin McCoy, Mike Vandellos, David Applebaum, Sue Yavor, Eileen Dougherty, Beth DeBruyn, and Tony Liu

This was the Dimension in Technology's 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting.

The general discussion at the meeting centered around defining what the technology program should look like and how it should function within the school environment. Should it be more like isolated events that occur throughout the year (similar to other dimensions programs), should it occur as an after school program, or should it mix a little bit of both?

Everyone seems to be in agreement that the program should focus on 3 general areas:

**Teachers:** determining their current skill level with technology (e.g., survey: Carlin and Mike to write), Tony will follow up with Dr. Davis about how to best get teachers involved and trained, and how to best facilitate technology integration into current curriculum that will not overwhelm staff

**Home:** Parental involvement

**Students:** Getting them interested in technology in fun and exciting ways (e.g., virtual fieldtrips, email pen-pals from other countries, Lego robotics, making movies, bat sonar, flight simulators, mrwellington.org, etc.)

We discussed budget, which currently has \$1,000 allocated to this program area. We discussed the best use of the funds and how to access more money via grants (e.g., technologylearning.com was one recommended site).

We discussed the best way to introduce the DT program and that perhaps a small targeted group would be best (e.g., 5<sup>th</sup> graders).

Tony met with Debbie @WES to discuss their technology program. They currently have a lot of opportunity for integration. Debbie recently attended The PA Technology expo and had a lot of good ideas. Tony will write up the ideas/activities that he and Debbie discussed. According to Debbie, the one identified obstacle is that everything in district is on hold until the new Superintendent is in place. In addition, there is not a director of curriculum. We agreed that it would be beneficial to have an integrated Elementary group (WES, NPE and SRS).

### **We reviewed materials:**

- Current scope and sequence – developed by WES
- Technology lab software: Microsoft Office, Mavis Beacon, Internet Explorer, Everyday Math games

- 2 computers per classroom
- 1-2 printers per floor
- 1 mobile laptop with cart
- 2 digital cameras
- 2 LCD projectors (1 rather old)

Each class has 1 hour of scheduled tech. lab per week.

**Since the meeting:**

Carlin and Mike have found an appropriate survey and distributed it to the Technology committee for review and feedback. Kate will take final version and submit for copies and distribution to staff.

Tony has met briefly with staff concerning web-tools. He presented a slide show full of information and has forwarded that presentation to Dr. Davis b/c some staff are interested in reviewing it further (which is great!).

**The next meeting is scheduled for 3/12/07 at 7:00pm in the Library.**