

Hampton Falls School District
(Unapproved) Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2008

The meeting started at 7:05 pm.

Attendance

In Attendance: Rick Bozzuto, Judy Deshaies, Don Wilder, Bryan Belanger, John Lennox, Jodi Kriner, Patrick Kelley and Bruce Crochetiere

General Meeting Discussion

Activity Periods for second/third session

Don will do second and third scratch sessions because it looks like attendance with kids will be good.

Visual technology has been well received and well done by the students. Question has come out about entry level web design as activity period (Blog, Wikki or Website)...maybe have the kids teach other kids. We are seeing more of this with projects in the school.

LCD mount to show children's project reintroduced budget permitting.

Teacher Training

SAU21 has an initiative with teacher training and are meeting to decide a curriculum (Joomla www.joomla.org/) Joomla is an award-winning content management system (CMS), which enables you to build Web sites and powerful online applications. Many aspects, including its ease-of-use and extensibility, have made Joomla the most popular Web site software available. Best of all, Joomla is an open source solution that is freely available to everyone [I could not find info Bryan mentioned on this site <http://www.sau21.org/barnard/>]

United or discovery streaming was discussed. [<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>]

Digital portfolio on state department education website was discussed [<http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/>]

Update on internal projects

Paperless communication is doing well LAS either scans or provides pdf. via email to parents, as well as, all items are posted to SAU web site. This has saved 6,000 sheets of paper a great cost saving solution...great job LAS.

Grade quick/MMS integration will move forward in the next few weeks and will merge to one database (there was a lot of effort for this integration on Bryan's part).

National Assessment of Educational progress (NAEP) has been selected for the 4th and 8th graders NAEP is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history. [<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/aboutnaep.asp>]

Patrick/Bryan working on an assessment on current IT environment. ITAM (IT asset manager) is loaded on machines name and IP will send info to console on assets of the particular computer and where it is.

XP support will cease July 31 2009 argument is that current LAS technology will be out of compliance and we need a road map on introducing Vista. Campaign is to replace the computer lab with new computer and re disperse those machines to classrooms. There is \$15,000 in the 07/08 reserve account with an additional \$400 of interest recommendations is to spend \$14,000 on technology expenditures which will be voted by the school board we need a proposal prepared to spend that money. The immediate need is for 25 brand new Dell machines for Computer lab. Note LAS is the only SAU21 school with no new computers!!!!

LAS needs 2 – 3 year technology plan Bryan and Patrick will send current list of equipment to technology council for review next meeting it was acknowledged that the technology council will need to do a presentation in front of the school board to secure funding.

Budget meetings for school board are Nov 6 and on Dec 3 there will be the budget work session. The SAU budget meeting will be first week in November??

Judy is looking into getting new construction outside LAS with the impact fee open for next year's enrollment. She may able to make one of the dwelling the computer lab and budget for new computers.

Next Meeting will be November 4th at 7 PM.