

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2012; 5-7pm

Members in Attendance:

Superintendent	Melissa Thompson
Principal	Bob Antholine
Coord. of Teaching & Learning	Lynn Welscher
Director of Special Education	Brenda O'Brien
Director of Business Services	Joan Fritzler
Library, Media, Technology Specialist	Candy O'Connell
Technology Integrator	Chris Evans
Teacher-Kindergarten	Megan Babe
Teacher-5 th Grade	Gretchen Nelson
Teacher- Spanish	Michele Whaley
Teacher-Art	Rebecca Mork
School Board Member	Rebecca Morrison
School Board Member	Karen Trimble
Parent	Kim Hofkamp
Parent	Brian Yearling
Parent	Michele Koper
Parent	Megan Fedders
Parent	Erica Case
AHS Director of Library, Media, Technology	Donna Smith

- I. **Opening:** Melissa Thompson opened the meeting by welcoming all members. The group then did introductions as those interested in studying the school's curriculum have joined to expand the role of our committee. The agenda was reviewed as was the purpose of the committee, the shared commitments of committee members, and members' collective roles and responsibilities.
- II. **Report Out From Sub-Committees:** Since the first meeting in August, all three sub-groups have been diligently working to learn more about technology, instruction, and curriculum in other schools in the area.
 - a. Site Visit Team: Bob Antholine and several others who had visited the Waukesha STEM Academy, Projecti in Muskego, and several schools in Kettle Moraine reported on what other districts are doing to personalize learning for all students and how they are leveraging technology to do so. Key features of these learning experiences included students knowing explicit learning targets, owning them and being empowered to meet those targets using variable time, space, and methods, and extensive, though not exclusive, use of technology to leverage this learning and feedback from teachers.
 - b. Curriculum Team: Lynn Welscher and Candy O'Connell reported on the ISTE standards and how these standards were reviewed and written across the curriculum 2 years ago. More work needs to be done to revisit the extent to which these standards are being met at each grade level and/or where technology instruction should be happening given the proliferation of technology (i.e. should keyboarding now be taught before 3rd grade?)
 - c. Survey Team: Michele Whaley reported on a survey that was given to staff in February of 2011. Once additional direction from the whole group is provided, this group will create and deploy surveys to gain feedback from staff, parents, students, and any other stakeholders as necessary.

- III. **School-Wide Curricular Offerings:** An overview of school-wide curricular offerings was provided by grade level.
- IV. **Moving Forward:** It was determined by the group that there are four areas in which more information is needed prior to the next whole group meeting. The sub-groups began working together prior to the end of the meeting and membership is as follows:

Group	Survey	Curricular Choice	Instruction/Technology	Grading/Reporting
Captain	Michele Whaley	Brenda O'Brien	Bob Antholine	Melissa Thompson
Team	Joan Fritzler Megan Babe Reese Simcakowski	Karen Trimble Gretchen Nelson Megan Fedders Erica Case Rebecca Mork	Brian Yearling Donna Smith Chris Evans Kim Hofkamp Candy O'Connell	Lynn Welscher Michele Koper Becky Morrison

V. **Next Steps:**

- a. Parking Lot:
 - i. Is there performance data for students going through non-traditional programs?
 - ii. What is the college success rate of Arrowhead students from Swallow?
 - iii. What is the percentage of Swallow students at Arrowhead who meet all four college readiness benchmarks and what is their composite ACT score?
- b. Ideas for Committee Name:
 - Discover Swallow
 - Swallow in Six (years)
 - Focus on Learning
- c. Save the Date: Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 27 from 5-7pm**. Dinner will be provided and we will begin by sharing our favorite App!