

Minutes RSU 13 – Technology Committee Meeting January 24, 2013

	Committee members		Committee members		Integrators
P	Loren Andrews, Chair	P	Scott Vaitones	P	Hank Reed
E	Sally Carleton	E	Bruce Johnson	P	Laurie Walsh
P	Carol Bachofner	P	Christine Curtis	P	Kristin Gould
P	Darryl Sanborn			E	Karen Wheelis
P	Present	A	Absent	E	Excused

Minutes

1. Discussion with Kristin Gould regarding the upcoming School Board presentation on February 7, 2013. Karen Wheelis was unable to attend because of illness.

Questions for presentations:

- a. How are the iPads going with your students?
- b. Do you see it as worthwhile technology for your grade level of students?
- c. Is the device size appropriate?
- d. How big an issue is keeping the devices updated?
- e. What kind of feedback are you getting from parents?
- f. Do you allow them to go home?

Kristen noted that students are asking for a time when their parents can come in and learn about the iPad.

2. Hank Reed read off the list of companies what have submitted MLTI proposals and the winner is expected to be announced January 30th. There are 12 vendors submitting a total of 16 proposals.
3. Cell phones and compatibilities:
Mobile, apps and cloud based are becoming the direction of so much of what is happening.
4. Technology vision, this year and next, and our budgets:
General feeling the tablet is the more appropriate device at lower grades (K thru 6) and there should still be one desktop computer in every classroom.

The iPad is cheaper than a laptop but has other costs to consider such as an “otter box” cover, charging carts, clear screen covers

Noted: Some inequities among schools in terms of available technology.

The MLTI program included 4 year warranties, lots of professional development, pre-loaded software

Hank noted that the “cloud” might require paying for the service.

Need to make all platforms available to students so that they learn to be fluent across platforms.

Need to wait for MLTI decision before future purchases.

Need to be sure there is appropriate funding for professional development including money for substitutes (time away)

Teaching K-6 teachers to move to a one-to-one model vs. a lab will require professional development

Flex integrators day and schedule and give teachers credit for time spent outside of their regular day.

More integrators will not solve the problem unless the teachers can be available.

5. Other Business

For the next Board Agenda: Need to take a serious look at technology use for the Board – Board going paperless by

Every board seat should have a tablet

Adjourned 7:40 PM