Minutes RSU 13 – Technology Committee Meeting March 24, 2014

	Committee members		Committee members		Integrators
Р	Loren Andrews, Chair	Р	Nancy Jeffers	Р	Hank Reed
Α	Darryl Sanborn	Р	Scott Vaitones	Р	Laurie Walsh
Р	Carol Bachofner	Р	Bruce Johnson		
Р	Present	Α	Absent	Е	Excused

Agenda & Minutes

 Discussion of K-4 technology needs and the FY15 Budget \$90,000 (outright purchase) for five iPad minis per K-4 classroom.
 Concern that iPad minis may be too small for this age group who do not have fine motor skills.
 One consideration might be to go with: K-2 regular iPads and gr 3-4 iPad minis

It is the Technology Committee's recommendation that the District become totally integrated grades kindergarten through grade 12, meaning we need to be planning for adding the grades K-4 iPads.

Smarter Balance assessment testing can be done on virtually any device.

Can Bruce get a copy of the proposed Technology budget out to this committee?

Technology staffing needs for FY 15
 Bruce wants to try having only two summer helpers instead of the four that have been used in the past. This will result in some savings.

All feel there is a need for an integrator in every building, or at least one per principal.

3. Other business

a. How do we move forward with apps that may not be appropriate? Bruce outlined some current issues with Snapchat. He feels it is better to manage the classroom than the software. As soon as you shut down one app, the students will find a replacement for it. The IT Department has proposed providing daily reports of those who are not being compliant to the building administrators.

Any solution needs to include discussions between the teacher and student and, in some cases, teacher and parent.

The Building Administrator needs to be treating cyber bullying in the same manner as any other type of bullying.

b. Professional Development needs to be kept at the forefront. Tuesday, April 8th, Apple wants to host a round table with regional technology staff to get ideas for their May workshops.

Adjourned 4:00 PM