Present

Ryan Alruwaily

Timothy Brooks

Brett Brown

MaryEllen Bunton

John Conner

Bob Cundiff

Cami Draper

Nathaniel Gleason

Brian Golish

Matt Harmless

Samuel Harmless

Annette Hummel

Bradley Kile

Ken Koerber

Padraic Lowery

Christine Martin

Tamara Medina

William Niles

Christina Orr

Michael Orr

Karen Petersen

Adrienne Phelps

Brian Pollitt

Charles Proffitt

Jarren Sauceda

Caleb Seripinas

Christine Sloger Lowery

Mandy Stimac

Cynthia Stanford

Cheryl Swafford

Justin Thorlton

Michelle Troxel

Megan Tucker

Todd Turner

Andrea VanLeer

Kristi Wagle

Building Needs & Concerns

Andrea Vanleer, DHS, asked for the status regarding multifactor authentication. Annette Hummel commented that this is still a work in progress, but we are moving forward with it. We are still trying to figure out the best method.

Andrea also commented that DHS needs extra chromebooks in classrooms for students that forget their device during ACT testing coming up April 1st (switched from SAT last year). Annette commented that this had been discussed during recent testing meetings. Ryan Alruwaily commented that they plan to put 1 or 2 older model chromebooks in high school classrooms, which should work fine for testing.

Brian Golish said he is often questioned by staff about getting a couple extra chromebooks for classrooms. Annette commented that this has been on her list of things to try to work out, but prices keep going up and our budgets are going down. We are considering putting 1 or 2 of the smaller chromebooks as spares in high school classrooms if we have enough. We had extra chromebook chargers, but they seem to disappear quickly, so we end up having to purchase more.

Summer Refresh 2025 Update

We try to present our annual Summer Refresh recommendation to the Board of Education by March, but the new tariff situation has slowed things down a little. It will most likely be April before we get information to the Board for review. Hopefully this will not put us behind with the summer work. Our focus this year will be on North Ridge.

AI Policies

Annette and a few others have been attending conferences with AI (artificial intelligence) as the main topic. We are trying to learn what guidelines are best for us so we can get a policy in place for D118. We have a contact at the Learning Technology Center that works with all state funded schools in Illinois, which is also helpful.

MaryEllen commented that they are trying to move forward with the AI policies and procedures, and plan to include all staff for use and protection when using it. This will be an acceptable use policy for staff and students. Once we have policies in place we can work with CRPs to share information with their building staff. AI can help save time and make jobs easier, but it must be controlled in a way to help students engage but not take advantage of it.

IAR Testing

Our IAR test trial ran into an issue with the new platform. Some ran into an error that text to speech wasn't on. To continue, they needed to click ok, and the student should have been able to proceed. Students also had to be reseated individually, and for some students that were unable to get in, the teacher could resolve that by going to an ellipsis, by the student's name, and allow them in. Mike & Christy have been working with Pearson to work through the issues encountered during the trial. Students need to be reminded to shut their chromebooks all the way off, not just close the lid, so they can get testing updates that were recently pushed out.

Miscellaneous

MaryEllen reminded CRP's & other staff in the meeting, if your building is using a subscription for a particular app, make sure you get renewal quotes for the coming year. Typically, you will get a renewal quote by email, but if not, check with the company.

Make sure you get renewal quotes to your building administrator in a timely manner so they can work with other departments for funding assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 am
Upcoming virtual meetings: April 16th at 7am, then In-Person meeting May 7th