

TECHNOLOGY P.I.E. MEETING

[Problems, Issues, & Events]

May 7, 2025

Present:

Ryan Alruwaily
Timothy Brooks
Victoria Brooks
Brett Brown
MaryEllen Bunton
John Conner
Bob Cundiff
Nathaniel Gleason
Samuel Harmless
Annette Hummel
Bradley Kile
Ken Koerber
Gail Lewis
Padraic Lowery
Mark Lyman
Christine Martin
Tamara Medina
William Niles
Christina Orr
Michael Orr
Karen Petersen
Jarren Saucedo
Caleb Seripinas
Christine Sloger Lowery
Cynthia Stanford
Cheryl Swafford
Justin Thorlton
Megan Tucker
Todd Turner
Andrea VanLeer

District Mission: To ensure all District 118 students reach their fullest potential

Chromebooks

Most Elementary schools have decided it works best to keep the chromebooks at school for their students and check them out for use instead of having the students take them home daily. Upper Elementary, grade 5/6, is considering this practice for next year, due to continued issues with chromebook damage from students, and forgetting to bring their charged chromebook to school. We are looking into the cost of purchasing chromebook carts to store & charging them. We need the buildings to figure out a plan that works best for them to check the chromebooks out as needed to K-8 students. This could be managed the same way textbooks are checked out now. Per state guidelines, students will need to check out a chromebook to take home for e-learning days. If you are a building CRP, please have a conversation with your building administrator, come up with a plan, and share the plan with the building staff. We need to help everyone understand the buildings procedure.

This change will not affect the high school since they seem to be getting along ok with students taking chromebooks home daily.

Cheryl Swafford asked if we have a tech agreement for parents and students to sign that states their responsibility and breaks down the cost of chromebooks repairs due to student damage. Annette responded that we do have a Tech Agreement that parents view & sign in the registration process.

Andrea VanLeer asked if we have any policy in place for students that repeatedly damage their chromebooks. While we cannot deny a student a chromebook (per state guidelines), we can restrict them to only having it at school because of this.

Justin Thorlton commented that they are not making any changes at Northeast Elementary because they are not having issues with students regarding care of their chromebooks and remembering to bring them to school charged. He does not need the district to purchase chromebook carts for them either.

Overview of AI Process

MaryEllen stated they have met to review AI somewhat, but our District does not have a policy for it yet. We plan to have policies in place with acceptable use documents and guidelines soon. We will be doing some vetting for AI. MaryEllen also stated that she plans to start educating staff in the Fall on how they can use AI in the District, including instructions on ways district staff should not use it.

Who is Matt Sherrill & why is he important

Annette commented that they have been working with the Learning Technology Center (LTC) on using AI for education. Matt Sherrill is a Regional Educational Technology Coordinator for the Learning Technology Center, serving Illinois' East Central region. Matt is from Bloomington & has been working with a lot of schools to develop procedures for using AI in education. We will be forming a committee for the AI process soon, so please let MaryEllen Bunton know if you are interested in serving on it.

Canvas

Important * MaryEllen asked CRPs to talk with building staff about Google Classroom & Canvas. We are not replacing Google Classroom; it is not going away. Some schools around us use Canvas as a learning platform, such as DACC. We plan to start using

Canvas for dual enrolled students, hoping it will help the process. We also want to start building some courses with Canvas to help our process of building a remote school. Please share this within your building. Special Ed is jumping onboard with this because of the potential for their students. All our resources can be put inside Canvas, such as textbooks and so on. Canvas has such great potential and offers so much for all. If you are interested in learning about Canvas, training will be offered every Tuesday this Summer in Open Gym.

Building Needs & Concerns

Andrea Vanleer asked if there is a way to get the little icon for Special Ed/IEP to provide information on the student. In Skyward, when a student shows they have an IEP, it looks like there is an attachment, but when they click on it and another window opens but there is nothing there. Megan Tucker commented that there should be a 504 document from the Social Worker and other information. Andrea responded saying the 504 documentation is not available to DHS teachers in Skyward for the students. Comments were made by others in the meeting that it could be due to a legal issue about student privacy. Annette stated that we could see if Molly Bailey could give us directions on this. If you have an alert pop-up about a 504 for a student, check with your building nurse or social worker if you want more information.

End of Year Questions / Miscellaneous

We are leaving end of year decisions, such as chromebook check in, up to the building administration.

Brett Brown asked if PreK devices and equipment will stay in the building or go with them if they leave Southwest. Annette commented that at this time, we will plan for it to stay in Southwest but check later to see if plans change.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 am

[Last Tech P.I.E. meeting for 24/25 School Year](#)