

## TECHNOLOGY P.I.E. MEETING

[Problems, Issues, & Events]

May 8, 2024

### Present

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*Ryan Alruwaily*

*Janelle Biggs*

*Brett Brown*

*MaryEllen Bunton*

*John Conner*

*Robert Cundiff*

*Nathaniel Gleason*

*Brian Golish*

*Scott Hannah*

*Sam Harmless*

*Dane Hinds*

*Timothy Hubbard*

*Annette Hummel*

*Bradley Kile*

*Ken Koerber*

*Gail Lewis*

*Padraic Lowery*

*Christine Martin*

*Mandy Mourer*

*William Niles*

*Christina Orr*

*Michael Orr*

*Karen Petersen*

*Charles Proffitt*

*Jarren Sauceda*

*Caleb Seripinas*

*Christine Sloger-Lowery*

*Cynthia Stanford*

*Cheryl Swafford*

*Justin Thorlton*

*Todd Turner*

*Andrea VanLeer*

*Melissa Willer*

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### App/Software Selection

During our last Tech PIE meeting we talked about app & software renewals. MaryEllen Bunton had a budget meeting after that and a decision was made to not renew the district license for NearPod, ScreenCastify & PearDeck. If buildings want to continue with any of these, they will have to use building funds to pay for them. We are renewing a district license for Kami and Flocabulary. MaryEllen told CRPs they need to work with their building principal to determine what apps & software they need, then request quotes for the building and do the POs.

Mike Orr commented that Google released their version of ScreenCastify recently. Christy Orr mentioned that Lumio has the ability to do the same thing that PearDeck & NearPod does. So, buildings should consider looking into these options.

MaryEllen commented that she, and several others, fought hard for CRPs to get a nice raise because the position has grown quite a bit since it was introduced several years ago. One of the CRP's roles is professional development, which can include working side by side with others, or in larger groups. Do whatever works best for your building staff to provide the technological support they need from you.

MaryEllen announced that Open Gyms will be available every Tuesday during the summer in the Jackson Building.

Andrea VanLeer asked if the high school CRPs could get Skyward Q Teacher training so they could provide better support to teachers. This is something Annette or MaryEllen will need to check on.

North Ridge is asking about switching to the Skyward gradebook, but a decision has been made to hold off a year for planning & setup in Skyward Q.

### End of Year Procedures

Kindergarten through gr 11 students should turn their chromebook in on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. DHS Sr's are to return their chromebook Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Chromebooks may stay in the classroom if needed but students should not take them back home after these dates.

We talked about student chromebook cases for students matriculating to South View or North Ridge. Since then, we have come up with another option that may work better than what was discussed. We will provide more information to CRP's & building principals soon.

A question arose about kindergarten students and if they are continuing with chromebook tablets or changing to chromebooks. A decision has not been made on this yet.

All DHS students will be switched to a 14" chromebook for 24/25. We are looking into options for the specialty class devices. Brian Golish asked for 2-3 extra chromebooks for each classroom and Annette Hummel commented that we are still trying to figure out the funding part for this.

Mandy Mourer said that she has students getting kicked out of google classroom & then they have to log back in. Mike can check with Google, but their recommendation is to have students login every 2 to 3 hours. Seems like something changed within the last week that is causing users to get kicked out more frequently. Mike is going to put a ticket in with Google to check into it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40am

This is the final Tech PIE meeting for the 23/24 school yr