

**MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
CB MURRAY BUILDING
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

The technology committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kendra Horn.

Committee members present were: Micheal Wetherbee, Rod Stout, Kendra Horn, John Russ Hamilton, Klint Todd, Rodney Braaten, and Destiny Howser. Sara Decker was absent.

There were no visitors.

SUMMER PROJECTS: Destiny Howser listed her summer projects, which includes setting up 20 Chromebooks for 4th grade, upgrading RAM in the elementary computer lab machines, rewiring the shop, ISM will cleanup some network cabling in the mezzanine, and installing a Starboard and projector for the elementary lab. The wireless access points in the elementary were upgraded last May, so they should support the additional Chromebooks; the Chromebooks are durable, but she will look into getting an additional case for junior high and elementary students; the servers are in good shape at this time.

DEVELOP BOARD TECHNOLOGY GOAL: The committee discussed developing a goal that supports the intention to stay current and use the technology that we have. It was included in the Board's goals previously, but has been removed. The goal from 2014 read "Sheridan Schools will implement technology to enrich student learning and deliver more efficient administration services." The goal should be reviewed regularly, the committee should be looking at deficits in technology infrastructure and support, and identify ways to fill it; the committee wants to stay ahead of the curve, not with it or behind it, and wants to use our existing equipment to fuller capacity, integrate more technology into CTE; the committee would like to see students be exposed to Apple devices, Macs, and PCs; the industry standards CTE students will see are not on Chromebooks, and students will lack file management capabilities. New Goal: "Sheridan School Board will implement technology to enrich student learning and set students up for success in their workplace or post-secondary education." John Russ Hamilton moved to adopt the goal as written, and Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

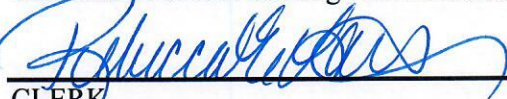
OTHER: Other discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: funding for future needs, having a strategic plan for technology equipment and infrastructure, developing a good cycle for replacing equipment, Covid money available, some E-Rate money is available, and it is a good opportunity to fill in the gaps with one-time only money, but we would like the program to be sustainable with local effort.

Restructuring the in-house IT position doesn't seem feasible due to our current costs and the difficulty of recruiting people when they can get higher paying positions elsewhere.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:51 p.m., John Russ Hamilton moved to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of this meeting were recorded and transcribed by Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk.


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