

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 6:00 P.M.

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Mr. Karl Wimmer
Chairperson

Mr. Craig Owens
Administrative Representative

I. WELCOME

September 9, 2009 Technology Committee meeting began at 6:00 PM

II. ATTENDANCE

Board members present included Karl Wimmer, Mary Homan, Kathy Mordovancey, Chris Caterson

Administrators present included Craig Owens and Mike Ognosky

Public present included Bill Host

III. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business at this evening's meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- **Review of Summer 2009 Projects:** Mr. Owens reviewed the major projects that were undertaken by the Technology Department this past summer:
 - ✓ Storage Area Network (SAN) and the Virtualization Project: The Department purchased new servers and created a "robust" data storage area that is much more flexible in its ability to handle any emergency situation that may develop. Hand in hand with this new equipment, a server virtualization project was completed that consolidates nine physical servers into two platforms. Enhanced server management allows for the monitoring and control of those servers, as well as the physical processing and storage resources they utilize, from remote locations.
 - ✓ 2 New Core Switches: 2 new core switches were purchased and installed that allow for enhanced network management. This also allows for the separation of data on the student side and the business side as well.
 - ✓ Domain Migration: The Department conducted a domain migration from Windows 2000 to Windows 2008. 3 new 2008 machines were added to 5 existing domain controllers creating a mixed domain mode. The 5 older machines were then retired and 2 additional 2008 machines were added bringing us back to a total of 5 2008 machines. This transition will eliminate most, if not all, of the roaming profile corruption that was occurring in the Win2K Domain environment, which was a very time consuming maintenance effort in the past.
 - ✓ SIF implementation: SIF implementation has progressed. The big problem was with the MMS student software and, after 6 months of struggles, that has been incorporated. Currently, MMS, Versatrans and the Library system are in place.
 - ✓ In addition the CAD lab was relocated during the summer into the Tech Ed area. Also, Room 32 and 63 have new systems as does the Library and the Writing Lab. The old computers have been recycled. Mrs. Mordovancey asked if the public could be included in our next recycling process and Mr. Owens indicated that could certainly be a possibility.
 - ✓ 2 new lap top carts are being prepared for installation in the elementary schools. They should be in the schools by the end of next week. Each cart holds 25 new notebooks.
 - ✓ Mr. Owens then demonstrated the virtual system controls utilizing the equipment in the Community Learning Center. During the presentation, he was almost "giddy" with excitement as he moved from screen to screen demonstrating the capabilities of the machines.

- **MMS Utilization Issue:** Mr. Owens described the reporting system that has been put in place to provide the High School Administration with a regular report of teacher activity on the MMS system. An issue was raised by several parents last year regarding the regularity and punctuality of grade reporting and homework assignment information on the MMS system. Mr. Owens addressed several questions from members present and explained that the first of the reports will be delivered to the administration this week. The administration will then speak to staff members as required.
- **Technology Coach Utilization:** Mr. Ognosky explained that the utilization of the coach in the buildings is one of the discussion items at next Wednesday's administrative meeting. Thereafter, the coach will be present for a portion of each meeting in order to address concerns and/or requests from the administrative team in an effort to maximize the effective utilization of the position.
- **Utilization of the Community Learning Center:** Mr. Owens informed the group that the CLC was one of the primary articles in the last edition of the Community Foundation newsletter. He will also put information out on the web page informing the public of the availability of the CLC for community use. Mr. Ognosky explained the fee schedule that would be implemented.

V. OPEN FORUM

- Mr. Owens reviewed upcoming projects for the Technology Department. Included in the list were the following:
 - ✓ Completion of the virtualization server project
 - ✓ Exchange migration to Exchange 2007
 - ✓ SIF implementation to be completed
 - ✓ Study of our current printing and copying needs in conjunction with the Business Office
 - ✓ Disaster recovery plans for the network as well as desktop security solutions

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Mike Ognosky