

Cedar Ridge Community Council

Meeting Minutes

March 3rd, 2015

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call: Attending Members: Jeremy Brunner, Reed Willmore, Debbie Reiber, Julia Davis , Jacquelyn Eckert, Amber Bonner, Courtney Rasband, Mandy Whitaker, Gloria Pritchett,
Visiting: Angel Holmes, Heather Turner
3. Discussion:
 - a) Approval of previous meetings minutes
 - b) Reflex Math Update
 - c) Dashboard Discussion by grade level and number of facts answered. Reflex math is an additional tool, but should not be used as the main math teaching tool.
 - d) Technology Integration Plan Presentation by the Cedar Ridge Technology Team
 1. Technology team presented proposed Technology goals
 - Integration of computer skills at the elementary school instead of waiting till junior high.
 - Increased focus in order to increase student motivation, self-esteem, and increase student involvement in learning, with an increased positive attitude. Additional advantages also include better communication, interaction and application of real world skills.
 - Transform and expand the traditional three R's with the 4 C's: Critical thinking, Creativity, Communication and Collaboration.
 - Transform teachers into facilitators instead of the "front of the classroom " role
 2. Chromebook Cart Utilization Update
 - Chromebook cart was 95% utilized
 - I-Pad cart was 76% utilized

Question raised: How is this usage being utilized among all the teachers? Would like to see if it's the same teachers using the technology and taking advantage of it, or if they are being utilized across the board.
 3. How is technology currently being used in our school
 - Kid Blogs
 - Teacher Presentations
 - Mrs. Holmes talked about sharing videos the students create on line. Mr. Willmore shared that his class used video at Clark Planetarium fieldtrip instead of traditional tools for their scavenger hunt.

The Goal is to move students from being consumers to being producers. In order to achieve this we need to overcome technology accessibility and provide teacher training.

-Concern was voiced by Mrs. Pritchett about students who don't have access to the internet at home, or home support falling further behind...

4. Re-introduction of CANVAS. CANVAS allows students to have an online classroom.
 - Students can submit assignments and keep inboxes clean.
 - Students and teachers can carry out discussions
 - Watch videos of assignments and keeps track of what has been watched
 - Differentiation in levels
 - More opportunities for teachers to use options
 - Providing possibility to do more "hands-on" with the kids that really need it.
5. Teacher Leaders and Innovators
 - Develop in house experts- selected from those who are willing to put additional time and effort into improving their skills.- to help implement technology school-wide.
 - Most teachers are not comfortable being innovators but are excited and supportive of goals.
 - 8 teachers to lead- from various grades.
6. Technology Implementation Plan- in the next 5 years, combining resources from the SCC trust land monies and funding from PTA.
 - Years 1-4 cost would be \$36K per year. Year 5 cost would be \$24K
 - Acquisition of technology equipment would be phased over a 5 year period.
 - Program would allow students from 1st grade to 6th grade to have access to iPads/Chromebooks that are in the classroom that every student can access. These would stay in the classroom.
 - Proposed Process – Meet with all teachers to talk about how comfortable they would be implementing proposed plan.
 - Some teachers may have to switch grades to support the program.
 - Application Process- would like for parents to review.
 - Mr. Brunner to make final decisions.

-Concerns were voiced about the lower grades using iPads vs Chromebooks, however the response was that skills should be able to allow them to seamlessly integrate as they move up.

-Concern was also mentioned about the cost of Program Sustainability; repairs, cost of apps, etc..

- SCC will be in charge of ensuring the filtering of internet content.
7. SCC is excited about having this technology vision. The presentation was overall well received and SCC members were very supportive of the plan, and congratulated and thanked the Technology Team for

putting the plan and vision together to make Cedar Ridge an even better school.

- Amber Bonner requested to see long range school improvement goals.

- e) Finances: SCC reviewed how current money is being spent.
1. Discussed advantages of last year's summer school. Should we be looking at doing it again this year. Mr. Brunner to find out if we have enough teachers interested in doing it before we can consider offering it.
 2. Discussed balancing the expenditures between technology and aides.
 3. Supplies monies to be reduced.
 4. Mr. Brunner is to work on draft of proposed plan and bring it to the next meeting. The main goal is to have sage scores go up.
 5. \$59,856 is the current budget.
 6. Finalizing our Financial Plan next meeting.

4. Assignments

- a) Technology team/ Mr. Brunner - to survey teachers to find out how they feel about the proposed Technology Plan.
- b) Mr. Brunner to come back with long range School Improvement plan.
- c) Mr. Brunner to find out if we have enough teachers interested in doing Summer School.
- d) Mr. Brunner to create draft of proposed financial plan.

5. Close

6. Next Meeting: