

**PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124 BOARD OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PARKSIDE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011, 7:30 A.M.**

Present: Cindy Gustat and Dr. C.G. Pillai

Others Present: Mark Cross, Sara McDonald, Sherri Pannier

Absent: Member Jeff Sheppard

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cindy Gustat at 7:34 a.m.

- District Technology Coordinator Sherri Pannier shared details on e-rate funding, particularly for the district's web hosting program with SOCS and the district's T-1 lines with AT&T. Ms. Pannier did review some specific concerns with the lack of bandwidth from the existing T-1 lines and the consideration of fiber in the future. This will be discussed more in the near future.
- After some discussion, it was agreed that it was feasible to continue to work with SOCS on the web hosting program as the district continues to develop its website. Many improvements have been made and we hope to continue to work with SOCS to make the website better and more interactive.
- Ms. Pannier briefly reviewed the technology curriculum scope and sequence, as well as professional development needs related to technology. A teacher committee will continue this work in the coming weeks.
- Ms. Pannier and Mr. Cross then reviewed with the Technology Committee some plans for purchasing technology during the remainder of FY11 since the ARRA IDEA grant was made available this year. This money will largely be used to purchase technology for special education classrooms, including some Smartboards. Some of the specifics of these purchases were reviewed. Mr. Cross noted that the grant totals \$93,843, and it will be used to purchase technology, as well as pay for some personnel needs.
- Ms. Pannier and Mr. Cross then reviewed with the Technology Committee some ideas to consider for technology needs for the coming years, particularly 2011-12. This includes completing the district's goal of getting Smartboards in all district classrooms, the need for replacing some laptop and desktop computers, as well as looking at iPads as a tool that can be used to differentiate instruction and improve student learning. Ms. Pannier also discussed some infrastructure concerns that will need to be addressed, including the replacement of switches at Washington School. More will be shared at a later date with the Board of Education when the final plan and budget details are put together. This is likely to be presented and discussed formally at the Board of Education meeting on April 13.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Committee Chairperson

Superintendent