

**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 BOARD OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PARKSIDE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011, 4:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairperson Cindy Gustat, Member Jeff Sheppard and Member C.G. Pillai

Others Present: Mark Cross, Sherri Pannier, Rachel Pett

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cindy Gustat at 4:03 p.m. Member C.G. Pillai arrived at 4:32 p.m.

- District Technology Coordinator Sherri Pannier and reviewed details on e-rate funding and reimbursement. Following up from the February committee meeting, she also reviewed concerns with the district's bandwidth for Internet connectivity. The committee discussed the existing arrangement of the district's T-1 lines and the consideration of future alternatives for connectivity, including fiber or satellite. There is a significant increase in cost at this time for fiber connectivity, and there is still time left on the district's contract with ATT for the T-1 lines. Options for changing the district's connectivity will have to be discussed more in the future.
- Ms. Pannier reviewed the final technology curriculum scope and sequence the teacher committee has been working on over the course of the semester. This will be followed by district teachers once the final draft is approved.
- Ms. Pannier discussed the district's progress with website development and developing more communication methods and tools with technology. Mr. Cross stated that some of this will tie in with the district's new Strategic Plan, which should be adopted at the April Board of Education meeting. Ms. Pannier also reviewed upcoming changes with the student management system, including the potential for parents to pay for lunches and other fees on the district's website, as well as other options for how student lunches are charged at the point of sale.
- The Technology Committee reviewed plans for purchasing technology during the remainder of FY11 through the ARRA IDEA grant. These funds are mostly being utilized to purchase technology for special education classrooms, including desktops, Smartboards, iPads and other devices to improve the delivery of instruction. Mr. Cross noted that the grant totals \$93,843 and must be spent in FY11.
- Ms. Pannier and Mr. Cross then reviewed with the Technology Committee their final recommendations for technology purchases for FY12. The committee discussed the philosophy of utilizing iPads and Netbooks, as well as getting Smartboards in all district classrooms. Mr. Cross noted the goal is to enhance the teaching and learning process and improve student achievement. There is also an immediate need for replacing a laptop cart at Parkside and replacing the desktop computers at Northview. The committee determined it was best to postpone some infrastructure work at Northview and Washington for another year. The total technology expenditures for the desktops iPads and Netbooks would be approximately \$71,577.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Committee Chairperson

Superintendent