

**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
PARKSIDE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018, 4:00 P.M.**

Present: Rob Ankiewicz and Patti Leynaud

Absent: Josanne Bruins

Others Present: Sherri Pannier and Mark Cross

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rob Ankiewicz at 4:00 p.m.

- Assistant Principal and District Technology Coordinator Sherri Pannier reviewed where the staff currently is with technology curriculum scope and sequence. Her and Mr. Cross also discussed the district's current communication methods and tools. They also discussed the district's bandwidth issues. With more and more Internet-based programs are causing the need for additional bandwidth as the district's network has been slowing down. Ms. Pannier reviewed some things with staff professional development related to technology, and also reviewed in detail the district's E-Rate status. E-Rate is a federal program that allows public school districts to be reimbursed for certain technology related expenses. This used to be mostly for telecommunications, but now is largely related to infrastructure hardware.
- The Technology Committee then reviewed the recommendations for hardware and infrastructure needs for the 2018-19 school year. Ms. Pannier and Mr. Cross explained that the recommendations are developed over a period of time, from the previous year's projected needs through meetings with the teachers and administrators to develop the current plan.
- Ms. Pannier reviewed and discussed with the committee the FY19 proposal, which totals \$115,613 before E-Rate is applied. Assuming the district receives E-Rate funds as projected, the total would drop to \$89,480. Ms. Pannier shared that while not a hard commitment and with some fluctuations based on need, the Board in the past has generally maintained a roughly \$100,000 annual budget to address technology needs for the district.
- Ms. Pannier reviewed and explained the proposal, which includes 54 iPads and cases and two Chromebooks at Northview totaling \$19,730 prior to applying E-Rate, as well as 120 Chromebooks and 36 teacher laptops at Parkside totaling \$58,540. Additionally, Ms. Pannier reviewed infrastructure needs for 50 Access Points, 4 Switches, a Cloud Controller License totaling \$43,552.60. Mr. Cross explained that major infrastructure needs are usually addressed outside of the curriculum and instruction-based technology budget.
- After reviewing the proposal, the committee determined that it would make a recommendation for the full Board of Education to approve the purchases as presented. This recommendation will be presented to the Board at its April meeting.

**Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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Committee Chairperson

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Superintendent