Technology Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2016
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Place: TUSD Technology Services Conference Room
1010 E. Tenth St., Bldg. B

Committee Members Present: Doug Baker, Andrew Gardner, Harry McGregor, Steve Peters, Lori Riegel

Committee Members Absent: Cindy Dooling, Kristel Foster (Governing Board Member)
Staff Present: Scott Morrison, Andrea Marafino

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

ACTION ITEM – Approval of January 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Andrew Gardner moved to approve the minutes, Steve Peters seconded the motion and all approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Upcoming RFP Committee Items – The Student Placement RFP is going out this month. Committee members interested in sitting on the evaluation committee must notify Lori and sign the District’s Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Statement for Procurement Evaluations. The draft of the Evidence-Based Accountability System (EBAS) RFP should be available for review this week. Andew noted that he is interested in that committee.

- Student access to websites from school computers – The district’s policy on Use of Technology Resources in Instruction was updated to meet the requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) several years ago. For content management, the District uses IronPort to provide protection and control of web traffic using content scanning and URL filtering. IronPort is a category-based system and the categories specifically blocked for students range from Adult Content to Social Networking. The categories are consistent across all grade levels.

- Synergy update – Scott shared the PowerPoint presented to the Governing Board in January explaining why the district is moving to the new Student Information System (AzEDS compliant, statewide SIS for Arizona, integrates with multiple systems, etc.). We are currently in the process of testing the system and developing training videos. Trainers will be interviewed later this month so that training can begin this spring and cutover can take place in July.

- Teacher use of School City – Online testing is increasing, but the district is still in the beginning stages and data needs to be collected from the Curriculum Department.

- Learning Counsel Conference – Steve shared information on the Digital Curriculum Tactics Workshop taking place on February 17. Steve also arranged for Dr. David Kafitz, Vice President of School Relations and Consulting at the Learning Counsel to meet with TUSD staff on February 18.

- Update on Bond Election – Lori attended one of the bond focus group meetings in January and provided an update to the committee. She noted that the focus group attendees and survey respondents were overwhelmingly interested in technology; however, since the district is pursuing 20-year bonds, the focus must be on long-term technology infrastructure.

- March Retreat – The committee rescheduled the retreat for April 1 from 9am-2pm at Santa Rita High School. Once the agenda has been determined, the committee will invite representatives from the Planning Department and Instructional Technology Department.

- Update on Instructional Technology Task Group – Steve noted that he has been reaching out to individuals to participate in this group.

- Update on Request for Info – Andrew reviewed the Technology Services Department budget information provided by staff.

SCHEDULE NEXT TOC MEETING

The next TOC meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016. It will take place from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Grey Room at 1010 E. Tenth St., Bldg. A (across from Rm 3 in front hallway).

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.