

**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 BOARD OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
PARKSIDE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

Present: Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Patti Leynaud

Others Present: Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Tony Carlson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ankiewicz at 10:33 a.m.

- Mr. Craven provided the committee with an overview of the Digital Equity, Esser I, Esser II and Esser III Federal funding, technology purchases and consideration and discussion regarding potential purchases.
- Items discussed and under consideration for the District's technology purchases include the use of GoGuardian. GoGuardian software helps schools easily manage their devices, better understand their students, and keep them safer online. Teachers have given great feedback about this software. GoGuardian is funded out of Esser II.
- Items discussed and under consideration for Parkside is the purchase of new Chromebooks for 8th grade. The District Technology Team recommends to purchase 200 instead of 100 to have spares due to the students taking their Chromebooks to and from school which raises the need for repairs.
- Items discussed and under consideration for Peru Elementary Staff include the recommended transition from the current use of Dell laptops to MacBooks. Staff laptops are currently 2019 and 2020 models which require updating to be done more frequently. Tony Carlson, IT Director states that with the required Dell updates, there is a lot of back end work to be done and is time consuming along with the Dell updates and Chrome updates not always being in sync, causing further issues and the computers to lag. Tony recommends that over time, the staff transition to MacBooks, which he is trained on and familiar with. Updates and issues needed with MacBooks can be done remotely by Tony, which will save time and is more efficient, along with being up to speed with today's time. The question asked by the Committee was do we want to replace Parkside Staff's laptops this year and Northview next year, or do one bulk order. Tony's estimated cost for 100 MacBooks is around \$77,900.00 which will be funded by Esser money.
- Items discussed and under consideration is the installation of SMART Boards in the classrooms. SMART board, also known as an electronic whiteboard, is a classroom tool that allows images from a computer screen to be displayed onto a classroom board using a digital projector. The teacher or a student can "interact" with the images directly on the screen using a tool or even a finger. SMART Board offers online access to classes and lessons. The estimated price for this project comes in around a hefty, \$300,000.00 which will be funded by Esser II. Mrs. Bruins spoke highly about the importance of the children having the ability to remote in for their lessons if they have to be out of school physically, for an extended amount of time.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Committee Chairperson

Superintendent