



Technology Advisory Group - Family

The purpose of the Technology Advisory Group is to provide input and perspective to District staff regarding the appropriate use of instructional technology in the classroom and at home, as well as identify training tools and resources that will best equip families to support that use.

Background

In an annual update to the Board of Education's Teaching and Learning Committee in May of 2019, District staff summarized current student technology use, key strengths and opportunities for improvement, and outlined several changes or next steps in response to the data, as well as parent and staff feedback. Those changes/recommendations included:

KG - 12th Grade

- Establish K-12 family advisory group and K-12 staff advisory group to periodically provide feedback regarding technology tools, software/hardware, and relevant technology decisions
- Deliver more training opportunities for staff during the school year and summer
- Develop more training resources for students/families, particularly online resources for just-in-time access
- Promote Securly home solutions including home filtering device and/or software controls
- Collect family feedback on annual survey
- Block access to streaming media (hulu, spotify, etc)

6th - 12th Grades

- Recommit to Canvas Learning Management Platform for one source of content
- Seek advisory group feedback to guide approach to youtube for grades 6-8
- Consistently deploy digital citizenship curriculum
- Strengthen approach to Information Literacy instruction and support

Elementary

- KG-5th Grade
 - Add digital citizenship skills standard to report card, expand current digital citizenship lessons and assessments for each grade level
 - Block youtube for students, opening specific videos upon request
 - Establish separate groups (KG-2, 3-5) to support different filter policies and rules
 - Technology not used as a reward or during indoor recess
- KG-1st Grade
 - Move towards a 2:1 student to device ratio as resources age
 - Keep devices at school with charging stations
- 2nd Grade
 - Continue 1:1 student to device ratio (chromebooks)
 - Store devices at school until students have demonstrated desired digital citizenship skills and then send home only with a need/purpose



Initial Meeting of the Technology Advisory Group

August 7, 2019

3:30 - 5pm

Central Administrative Office

Resources Provided in Advance of the Meeting

- Two Research Articles
- Sample Survey Questions
- Draft Communication from Teacher, Principal

Agenda

3:30 - 3:40 - Welcome & Introductions (Chris)

3:40 - 3:45 - Group Norms (Mike)

1. Promote equality of voice.
2. Listen actively and respectfully, seeking to understand and avoiding interruption.
3. Commit to learning, not debating. Comment to share information, not to persuade.
4. Our discussion is around ideas, not individuals.
5. Be solution-focused; avoid blame and speculation.
6. Honor our team outside of our meetings.

3:45 - 4:00 - Reflections on the Research Articles (Mike)

4:00 - 4:20 - Feedback on Start of the Year Communication (Chris)

4:20 - 4:50 - Narrow and prioritize survey questions (Chris)

4:50 - 4:55 - Sharing Advisory Group information (agenda, minutes, membership, resources) with the Teaching & Learning Board Committee, Public

4:55 - 5:00 - Next Meeting Dates/Times

- Late Oct/Early Nov
- Mid January
- Mid March
- Late April (if necessary)
- Time Preference?:
 - 7:30 - 9am
 - 3 - 4:30pm
 - 4:30 - 6pm
 - 6 - 7:30pm