

**Oak Park and River Forest High School
201 N. Scoville Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302**

**Technology Committee
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
Board Room**

A Technology Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in the Board Room. Dr. Millard opened the meeting at 8:53 p.m. A roll call included the following members: Terry Finnegan, Valerie J. Fisher, Terry Finnegan, Amy McCormack, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, Sharon Patchak-Layman, and John Phelan. Also present were Dr. Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Dr. Tina Halliman, Assistant Superintendent for Special services; Mike Carioscio, Chief Information Officer; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Amy Hill, Director of Assessment and Research; Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal; Cheryl L. Witham, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board, Karin Sullivan, Community Relations and Communications Director.

Visitors included Visitors included James Paul Hunter, FSEC Chair; Jeff Weissglass, Tom Cofsky, Julie McCarthy, and Dan Lesser, community members.

5-Year Technology Plan (2012-2017)

Mr. Carioscio presented the following topics with regard to the technology plan.

1) Future Vision.

Leverage technology in a holistic manner to provide all students a superior education so that they may achieve their full human potential via online textbooks, student access to technology (1:1), Blended Learning, Multi-media access/usage, Assessment tools, and Information Systems.

2) A Progress-Towards-Goal Chart was presented.

3) Strategies for 2013-14 Timeline.

The Infrastructure Strategy is to be cost effective to support both the instructional and operational areas of the District. That includes completing the next phase of wireless implementation, deploying technology to support teacher preparation—tablet computers, install classroom technology standardization (projector mounts; wiring and power; computer setup), upgrading internet bandwidth and associated technology (routers, firewalls, content filter, etc.), replacing of phone system (Voice over IP), and update wiring and core electronics in building.

The Data Strategy is to provide the appropriate information to support fact-based decision-making to the district via redesigning the District's web site – phase II, creating a series of data dashboards for the various stakeholder groups, reviewing existing reporting tools and build tool set to improve timeliness and accuracy of reporting, standardizing and streamlining recommendation and the course selection process, reviewing existing data stores and redesign to improve timeliness and accuracy of reporting, and improving accuracy and timeliness of data capture through self-service.

4) Draft Budget 2013-14.

The purchase of software that would allow the evaluation of data in a more accessible manner and would diminish the time spent creating/producing the report was included for next year.

Discussion ensued about the network cost and whether it would decrease or remain stagnant. How would the investment in technology should savings in other parts of the budget? What is the forecast and baseline for technology that must be invested each year? Mr. Carioscio noted that \$110,000 would be devoted to specific divisional requests next year. Presently, an imbalance occurs between instructional costs versus infrastructure cost because of the District's decision to implement infrastructure District-wide versus building-wide. While no significant purchases are anticipated for the next two to three years, spikes will occur because it will cost \$200,000 to replace the core. That cost will not need to occur for another five years. When averaged, technology will reflect a steady, lower rate of expenditures. While knowing where the investment in technology would produce in other areas was unclear, Mr. Carioscio suggested that more funds might be available for staffing as heavy administrative jobs disappear. One example is that of inputting emergency forms into the system. Next year, they will be inputted directly by the families/staff. Any time an activity can be automated, a savings should be seen in terms of staffing. Another example would be that of having received automated recommendations from the middle schools this year.

Adjournment

At 9:11 p.m., Dr. Millard adjourned the meeting.

Terry Finnegan
President

Amy McCormack
Secretary