



## ***East Greenbush Central School District***

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### **Technology Committee Meeting Minutes 10/17/2016**

#### **In Attendance:**

Mike Buono, BOE Member  
Michelle Conway, Parent and Community Member  
Jeff Ecker, Green Meadow Teacher  
Jeffrey Eggleston, Goff Social Worker  
Steven Ford, CHS CTE Department Chairperson and Teacher  
Wayne Grignon, Goff Principal  
Shay Harrison, BOE President  
Katelyn Ingham, CHS Librarian  
Edward Kilmartin, CHS Assistant Principal  
Jaimee Kusche, Green Meadow Teacher  
Lisa Mahar, Red Mill Teacher  
Kate Morrow, CHS Speech Language Pathologist  
Wayne Morrow, IT Administrator  
Michael Neumann, Goff Assistant Principal  
Tara O'Connell, Bell Top Teacher  
Thomas O'Hara, Director of Technology  
Lynne Pampel, Chairperson and Assistant Superintendent C & I  
Thomas Poli, Network Technician  
Mike Rubinstein, Community Member  
Arthur Sanderson, Community Member  
Donna Shepardson, CHS Business Teacher  
Laura Wladarczyk, D.P. Sutherland, CHS & Green Meadow Librarian

#### **I. Program and Instruction**

##### **A. Student Help Desk Update - Lynne Pampel**

Advertising for the student opportunity began. An anticipated late November or early December start date is anticipated. Teacher teams will interview applicants and make recommendations. Sarah Hoffman is overseeing this initiative.

## **II. Software and User Access**

### **A. Elementary Gmail Accounts and Google Applications**

Several of the online student tutorials require Google Accounts for students to access. A request was made to open 3-5th grade Google Accounts. Some elementary teachers have piloted with this age group with success. It was decided that parent communication would go out to in November with a December start date. The secondary parent training scheduled for November will be delayed so one evening may be scheduled for all 3-12 parents. Thomas will work with the building principals.

The committee discussed the Google Tutorial website developed this summer and the free keyboarding software links presented to the faculty during Superintendent's Conference day in September. Access to the computer labs is scheduled differently in each bldg. The computer lab would be the best place for students to use this resource. In the past librarians provided technology training. Lynne will send a memo to principals indicating that this keyboarding resource be used in the labs.

## **III. Hardware Resources and Infrastructure**

### **A. Smart Schools Bond Act Update and Wireless Update - Thomas O'Hara, Lynne Pampel**

Thomas apprised the committee as to the status for the SSIP Funding Application. There are 6 questions that the state would like clarification on or more information added to the plan. This will be completed in time for the next review. The installation of the interactive panels requires a 40-50 week review so Thomas is going to submit a third plan for purchasing Chromebooks. The original timeline for purchasing Chromebooks to prepare for CBT for the middle and elementary schools was 2017-2018. Due to the delay in approval and purchasing of the interactive boards the schedule for purchasing Chromebooks is moving up. Chromebooks are going to be purchased in a staggered schedule to avoid large scale end of life schedules.

There is still no timeline for Computer Based Testing readiness. Lynne attended the October DATAG meeting and Dr. Bruce Crowder the former New York State Assistant Commissioner for School Improvement in his Keynote Address "Curriculum Theory for New Standards, Assessment and Practices" shared the following information:

1. Districts are encouraged to begin volunteer field testing for Curriculum Based Testing (CBT)
2. CBT will be optional in 2017.
3. Students have demonstrated in field testing that they prefer paper and pencil tests.

4. Student need time to become familiar with devices as do teachers.
5. Questar Assessments are replacing PARCC.
6. SSIP Funding will not be enough for district's to meet CBT needs. .

The committee questioned hardware needs for CBT and Thomas discussed the problem with aging student desktops. Thomas also gave an overview of other technology needs that are facing the district and will need to be addressed in future budgets and he is putting together a SWOT analysis for the Superintendent that prioritizes these needs. This will be brought back to the committee at a future date.

Teachers do not like that Chromebooks do not have wireless printing capability, Students need to share their work with the teacher so work may be printed from the teacher desktop. Teachers may benefit from online editing functions rather than printing. Teachers indicated they still like paper and pencil grading and editing.

#### **IV. Workshop**

##### **A. 1:1 Initiative and Computer Based Assessments – Comparison to Region and SSIP Budget. What should 1:1 look like in East Greenbush?**

The Committee broke into smaller groups to review how other districts are managing 1:1 initiatives and to make short and long range plans for 1:1 in East Greenbush. This work was completed and the suggestions will be presented and reviewed in November for consensus on an action plan. This information will be shared in advance of the next meeting. .

Steve showed the committee a video from the CHS student trip to RPI for a manufacturing presentation. He believes our courses are aligned with college requirements for manufacturing.

The December meeting is cancelled.