

Technology Mission Statement

The technology mission of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish is to inform, engage, and promote life-long learning and faith formation while fostering community among all members of the parish.

Tech Meeting May 18, 2016

Present: Mark Schuler, Sue Kroupa, Brian Lankford, Joe Mayer, Laurie Sammet, Jason Smith, Maria Watson, and Judy VanHoosier

Guests: Kristen Girtten and Garrett Braun

Meeting opened with prayer.

The meeting began with introductions for new principal Kristen Girtten and seminarian Garrett Braun.

Mark passed out iPads and presented a demonstration of Google APPs for Education. He complimented the teachers on how they have embraced the Google classroom in such a short period of time since their visit to St. Wendell in February.

Maria led a meeting for the junior high teachers on Monday, May 16 for an introduction to Google classroom. Joe and Laurie will be attending E-revolution for Google Classroom this summer. E-revolution is a technology workshop sponsored by the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. Each student in grades 5, 6, and 7 will have a g-mail address. Joe did state that GAFE lends itself more to language arts than math.

Nearpod Digital Citizenship has been purchased for K-8 and will be implemented in the 2016-17 school year. This will be shared with teachers on the teacher workday, May 25.

Joe and Laurie will no longer use their scheduled computer lab time next year. That will open 2 more periods for other teachers to schedule lab time.

Mark gave an update on the new iPad cart. There have been delays in its arrival. The latest news is that it will be shipped on or before May 18, (now May 26). The hope is that it will be here to share with teachers before they leave for the summer break.

Laurie gave a brief demonstration on how she uses Nearpod in her classroom.

Mark presented the iPad Mini 4 quote for the devices to be purchased for 16-17. Forty-one devices will need to be ordered to cover number of students in the 5th grade class, any new students to 6th and 7th, and a few extra devices. The new devices will have 64 GB, AC WiFi, and 1.3x's faster than a mini 2 at a cost of \$479 each. The total cost will be within the private donor financial range. The Otterbox cases will be purchased using other funds. The committee approved the proposed purchase.

Mark shared the refresh process for the iPads now being used in grades 5 and 6. Mark has met with Chris from Keller Schroeder on this process.

Mark also stated that he will be purchasing Lenova laptops for Kristen and Paula Bell. Joe asked about teachers in grades 3-8 moving to laptops and iPads. The desktop computers would be phased out. Long term planning will be needed for this expenditure. When the time comes to replace the desktops, the committee will review desktop versus laptops.

Discussion continued on projection for the future. All rooms have projectors preschool through grade 8. Every teacher has an iPad. Teachers have air server and or AppleTV.

Looking ahead to the start of a new school year, the following dates were proposed:

- Parent Orientation for Grades 6-8 – August 10
Teachers will address iPads for grades 6 and 7
iPads will need to be ready for student use when school starts on August 9
- iPad Roll Out Night August 10 and again on August 18
Parent Orientation for Grades 1-5 will be August 18
- iPad Boot Camp for students in Grade 5 will be on a school day.
- Next meeting – Wednesday, August 17 at 3:00 P.M. in Room 104

Mark will communicate with the committee members by email on summer progress.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.