

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 November 9, 2016

Present: Mark Schuler, Brian Lankford, Joe Mayer, Laurie Sammet, Jason Smith, Maria Watson, and Kristen Girten

Meeting opened with prayer.

The meeting began with Mark giving a financial update. We have currently spent **\$23,242.29** the school technology fund. The Meraki phone support has allowed for more troubleshooting in house. We have currently logged 6 hours with the Meraki phone support.

Jason gave an update on the campus rewire project that Jared Martin plans to do for his Eagle Scout project. Once the project is approved by the Buffalo Trace Council, we are hoping that work can begin over Christmas break.

There was discussion about how students are utilizing their iPads to access non-educational games during and after school. Jason is currently working on getting quotes and information on the best way to protect the devices, but also allow access for what teachers need during and after school. The current iPad policy needs to be reviewed to make sure that the school is providing what we say we are providing as far as protection is concerned. Teachers also have the authority to discipline when the iPad is being used for purposes other than educational.

Joe shared an idea of providing short professional development sessions after school on occasion to help teachers learn and try new ways of integrating technology into their curriculum. Kristen supported this idea.

Digital Citizenship was also discussed. It is very difficult for teachers to find time to work through the digital citizenship lessons with their students. Some ideas that were discussed to help with this include:

- Junior High Enrichment
- AM Assembly schedule as a school and all work on it at the same time

The Digital Citizenship Curriculum also needs to be mapped so that teachers understand the expectations for this school year. Kristen will follow up with teachers at a faculty meeting regarding the expectations.

Mark presented an IT Evaluation Form for teachers to fill out. This will give Mark and committee an idea of how the iPads are being utilized in the classroom, how well their iPad is working, and how the committee can help in supporting their curriculum. Once finalized, this form will be distributed to the teachers at an upcoming faculty meeting.

Mark shared that the Parish is looking to install a ceiling mounted projector in the Parish Hall with a retractable screen. As of now, we have received one quote. We will look to obtain at least one other quote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 14 at 3:00 p.m.