

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 January 18, 2017

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

Meeting opened with prayer.

The meeting began with Mark presenting the budget actuals for review.

The Parish Hall Projection Project was briefly discussed. There is no new information to share. A timetable from the parish is needed before moving forward.

Mark is currently preparing the computer lab for the upcoming ISTEP+ test. Part of the 8th Grade class participated in the state readiness test on January 19. This test shows whether or not our infrastructure and the states infrastructure is ready for the computerized test. The test went well.

Mark is currently retyping and updating the iPad handbook. He will present the changes to the committee in February.

There was some discussion of whether or not to collect the iPads from the students over breaks. Online security at home is a concern. Further discussion is needed.

With the cost of ink increasing more each year, there was discussion of having teachers do all copying on the copy machine in the teachers' work room. This would eliminate the cost of ink cartridges for the teacher printers. This will be presented to the teachers for next school year.

Digital citizenship was discussed. Teachers need to have a clear plan of the lessons they are expected to teach. The committee will work on a plan for the teachers.

Mark has received many technology surveys back from the teachers. Most of the teachers gave their iPad a 10. The top three concerns from teachers are: Connectivity, Speed, and Training

Sarah joined us to update the committee on the restricted funds. We currently have approximately \$55,000 in the Technology Restricted account. Approximately \$37,000 is deposited each year from book fees. Discussion was held on how to spend that money. There was much discussion about having a 4 year plan in place to keep up with the needed technology updates. The items to include in the 4 year plan are:

1. Server (replace every 4 years)
2. Computer Lab (replace every 5 years)
3. Teacher iPads (replace every 4 years)
4. Teacher Laptops/ Desktops (replace every 3 years)
5. Mobile Lab replacement or possible Bluetooth Keyboards

Mark will work on a draft of the 4 year plan by the next meeting.

The committee also needs to work on a plan for purchasing iPads each year for the 5th Grade class beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

Security protection for the iPads was discussed at length. Currently the Palo Alto web filter used on the network at Good Shepherd. Student iPads are protected while they are on campus. Ideally we would like to have the iPads protected with the same filter at all times. In order to do that, the wireless capabilities would need to be increased, a filter box would need to be purchased for \$20,000 and the subscription would cost \$10,000 annually. More discussion and research is needed before a decision is made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 8 at 3:00 p.m.