

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- September 13, 2017

Present: Mark Schuler, Joe Mayer, Laurie Sammet, Jason Smith, and Kristen Girten

Meeting opened with prayer.

Future funding sources for the 5th Grade iPads is a decision that the committee would like to be made by December. The committee plans to invite Sarah Gahagen to the October meeting to discuss possible sources. The cost of an iPad is approximately \$450 each. There was much discussion about possible sources of funding that included other donors, PTO, raise the technology fee, and a fundraising event. Mark will run the numbers on the approximate needed amount. It was also suggested that this committee present to Finance Council on how technology is currently being used in the classrooms.

There was discussion on the plan for the student iPads when they graduate from 8th grade. This year's class will be the first class to graduate since the iPad Initiative began. Some possible solutions include selling to a third party recommended by our apple rep, or offering them to the students for purchase. Mark will create an inventory list and send it to Apple for a quote on reimbursement.

Security in the lab was discussed at length. Currently Kaspersky has and is randomly restricting Google Docs and other things in the lab which are causing teacher frustrations. Pop ups seem to be connected to the Symbaloo program. Possible solutions include a K-4 log in with restrictions on what students can access and a 5-8 individual student log-ins. Another solution is to purchase the Symbaloo Pro which would eliminate pop ups. It was decided to try a 30 day free trail of Symbaloo Pro and create a K-4 log in for the lab that has more restrictions on the fire wall.

The new teacher iPads have been distributed. Teachers are currently keeping their old iPads to use at stations in their classrooms.

The recent internet connection was discussed. Teachers are experiencing some frustration when attempting to connect to the internet. Mark and Jason will be reaching out to WOW for a quote to switch from Spectrum to WOW and move to a fiber optic connection.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11 at 3:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on the future funding piece of the iPad Initiative.

*Add to agenda for November 8- iPad security when students are off campus

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Girten