

April Technology Board Report

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Desktop Systems

Rob Suprynowicz laptop issues have been resolved. The root cause was the cooling FAN. We will monitor the rest of the Faculty Laptop E6500's for similar issues.

A new production color copier has been installed by Schwab Co. of Erie, PA in the Graphics lab; compliments of the Perkins Grant. The entire lab was also upgraded to Windows 7 during the install. The entire transition was very smooth, and the only remaining issue is Windows 7 Compatibility with the offset image printer (RIP). It is currently running Windows NT; and is therefore very dated. We're investigating options.

CNT and HEA Digital Classrooms are complete.

Network and Server Systems

The server room has been maintaining temperatures much more consistently after modifying some duct work temporarily. The Maintenance Department is investigating a more long term solution.

We reported last month that our SchoolDESX (SiS) Server that is published to the internet to extend grade book service home for Faculty was under attack by several internet hacking attempts. Our efforts to thwart these problems have been successful. We're now investigating solutions to make the new enhancements less cumbersome to our faculty. It has added a few 'clicks', and we try to reduce these.

Application Development

We have launched the District Portal to provide participating districts with real-time access to Child Accounting data, grades, and attendance. We will continue to work with the key personnel in each district to refine the information and services available and ultimately improve communication and integrity with each other and our PDE required reports.