

Technology Board Report

Desktop Systems

Worked with Lisa Sorensen, Joe Salorino, Elaine Shaffer and Patty Palo to setup and help ensure we had a good Presentation for the Skills USA Awards Ceremony, and entertainment during their lunch period.

Replaced Rob Suprynowicz Hard Drive in his laptop; after recovering his data, as it was failing, and preventing the computer from starting up.

Completed the deployment of Audiobooks on MP3 players for Student Services. This has been a long project that has been crippled by technology staff turnover limited documentation, a vendor buyout, and software glitches.

Applications and Database

Since establishing the Parent Portal in September, we have had 45 parents register for access, five of them just in December. We feel this is a valuable tool, and to hopefully increase awareness of the service, I have contacted the Technology Managers of our participating districts to request a link to our Parent Portal be included in their Parent Portal/EdLine sites.

Network and Server Systems

We continue to work with D-Link to help us renovate our wireless network for next school year. There is currently a bug in their software, and they are looking into it. The ideal is to reduce our network risks while increasing our awareness of access. It's a very exciting technology similar to what college campuses and larger corporate office use, where rogue devices are commonplace and individual authentication is a priority; unlike hotels and other Hot Spots where individual user awareness is a lower priority.

Working with Time Warner Cable on our 2012-2013 internet connection options as we consider dropping from the RWAN consortium.

Addressed an issue preventing access to the Edinboro University SCOTS (Online Grades) system, caused by their abandonment of internet standards, and our content filters inability to react accordingly.

Staff

Andy Hough came in earlier this month to resign from his position. After hearing that Peter Craven had resigned, and we were again seeking another substitute for his position, he requested a meeting with Natalie and I. At that meeting we both learned of Andy's personal reflection. He shared his genuine sadness that he would not be able to return to ECTS. He also expressed a sincere compassion for the schools situation in his leave of absence due to medical circumstance. Andy served ECTS honorably when he was here, and in his resignation, and I thank him for his service and support of ECTS, and me. He already is, and has been missed by many of us. I hope we can honor Andy by finding the best possible candidate to replace him and serve our faculty as compassionately as he would have, if he could have returned.