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Desktop Systems

9 Laptop Carts were delivered on September 8th; and filled with laptops, and issued to classrooms.

We've been battling some minor issues with printer deployment. Printer deployment is much more difficult in a laptop environment. Ideally, print drivers are installed administratively; but in a laptop environment, the printer depends on both the student logged in, and the room they are in; which is not always predictable, therefore it cannot easily be programmed.

Processed all the withdrawal and lab transfers to ensure their user accounts reflected their new status.

Installed a vehicle library kiosk computer in Automotive Technologies, so that students can quickly access shop manuals without having to locate a laptop, and log in. We're working on complimenting this with a printer, so the students can take the job procedures in hard copy to the vehicles.

Network and Server Systems

The Parent Portal launch has been successful. We're averaging one parent registration per day. I expect that will increase tremendously at either mid-quarter, or at the end of the first quarter. We'll remind the parents of this option on the mid-quarter progress report.

Student Orientation went very well with our new dual projector setup in the cafeteria. Patty Palo and Joe Tarasovitch both commented on the improvement in room layout and the presentation quality.

Assisted Mary Ellen in completing the Adult Affidavit Program (AAP) Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS) submission to PDE. The RCTC database is not as well setup for PIMS and due to the lack of vendor support, there is no one to contact to create PIMS reports. PIMS is new for AAP this year, and it requires the reporting of a lot more information. Previously it has been done in a different PDE data collection system, which Mary Ellen has been successful in completing in years past without much assistance.