

Technology Board Report

Desktop Systems

Working with Taylor Goodwill to address graphic and driver issues we're having with our laptops. Updates to AutoDesk Academy and the evolution of laptop mobile graphics processing have introduced new challenges in accommodating battery life and maximum graphics performance for demanding applications.

iPads have been ordered for Assistive Technology, and we have successfully help deploy the use of LearningAlly to a parent for their use on their personally owned device.

Help Desk *(last 30 days)*

Completed	Open	Outstanding
52	50	57

Applications and Database

Discussed the DistrictPortal and the Parent Portal with the Guidance Counselors at their monthly meeting; and talked about some strategies for helping district personnel leverage access to our data to improve their student support in their districts. All of their interests were secondary goals of the District Portal, so we're thrilled the appeal is gaining traction.

Network and Server Systems

Across the three county region, a majority of school districts have made, or are making the investment in cloud services (or SaaS, Software as a Service), whether Public (Google Apps), or Private (Girard SD, iCloud). The demands for a common interface for students on campus, off campus, at home school, and at home is the driving force, next to power savings, for extending Cloud services into the student Realm. Cloud services, and Virtual Desktops (VDI) promote the learning experience on any device, especially now that the consumer device market is so vast, with the commonality of their experience in the classroom. This also simplifies the instructional process extending it off campus.

We have been working with Dell over the last year with the vision of repurposing our existing server hardware, and our Microsoft Campus Agreement to move forward with our own Private Cloud. We started offering "Cloud" based services four years ago; when SchoolDESX (our SiS) could no longer function efficiently on the client desktop computers. Similarly, we migrated several services into web-based applications (District Portal, Parent Portal, etc..). The next step is to provide a computing experience for the students, and extend the life of our school owned devices.

Staff

Spent much of the last two weeks trying to get Taylor Goodwill up to speed, which has proven difficult given the backlog of work, and the complexity of some of our current issues.