

TECHNOLOGY P.I.E. MEETING

[Problems, Issues, & Events]

October 8, 2025

Present:

Janelle Biggs
Brett Brown
MaryEllen Bunton
John Conner
Bob Cundiff
Leo Dorsey
Cami Draper
Nathaniel Gleason
Brian Golish
Annette Hummel
Bradley Kile
Ken Koerber
Gail Lewis
Padraic Lowery
Mark Lyman
Christine Martin
Jennifer McGuire
Tamara Medina
William Niles
Christina Orr
Michael Orr
Karen Petersen
Adrienne Phelps
Brian Pollitt
Jarren Saucedo
Caleb Seripinas
Cynthia Stanford
Mandy Stimac
Cheryl Swafford
Megan Tucker
Andrea VanLeer

District Mission: To ensure all District 118 students reach their fullest potential

K-12 Articulated Computer Skills & Standards

Angela Wilson, one of our Math Coaches, was recently in a training about the importance of technology skills in student assessments. She made a list of skills our students need to know to be successful with testing. The skills are:

- ① Drag & Drop
- ② Highlight
- ③ Typing using both hands
- ④ Matching using mouse or touchpad
- ⑤ Numerals – how to type in answers in appropriate order
- ⑥ Where & how to find & type signs for the period, comma, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- ⑦ Use touchpad or mouse to draw in drawing box
- ⑧ Choosing colors in drawing box option

Mandy Stimac commented that it would be a good idea to break the skills up by grade level.

Gail Lewis commented that her kids were using the Eureka online assessments, and her kids had a good idea of how to use technology for the test. The one thing they struggled with was drag & drop skills.

Cheryl Swafford commented that the size of the screen seems to be what is hardest for her students. They have to scroll down and sometimes that's not always easy because the bar is hidden.

MaryEllen asked everyone to email her any other computer skills their students struggle with.

MaryEllen commented that the CRPs will be at the Jackson Building Friday with Christy Orr for PD. You will have time to work on your AI presentation. You will work on creating information for those in your building for training. You will leave with a lot of CRP presentations ready to go. If you are an LRC that is also a CRP, you will go ahead and go to the LRC

NearPod

A lot of people have been asking about NearPod & PearDeck, but due to budget cuts, we no longer have these. The professional development this coming Friday will cover how to use a SmartBoard for this.

Windows 10/11

Reminder - Windows 10 is phasing out, and we are working on getting devices updated to Windows 11. If your device has not been updated, please let your building tech know. If someone notices software that is no longer available on their device after the Windows 11 update, it may have been installed by hand, so put in a Help Desk ticket.

Printer/Copier Codes

There have been some changes. We are not going to implement the codes during Fall Break. We are still working out some logistics, so for now, the project is postponed.

Building Needs & Concerns

Cheryl Swafford commented about a couple of teachers having a hard time staying connected to the network at Liberty. Mike commented that he has investigated this issue, and the access points are providing bandwidth, so everything is connected. He is checking to see if the cloud based Lightspeed is the issue. Sometimes hitting 'refresh' on the computer will take care of it for a little bit.

Mike Orr commented that most people know we are switching from traditional fax to e-fax. The old fax machines will be going away, and everything will be done online. He is hoping to roll this out some time after Fall break, probably in November. If you want an e-fax demo, let Mike know.

Janelle Biggs asked how a floater, assigned to their building, will get access for printing/copying? Annette stated the codes will work from one building to another; they are not building specific.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 am

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