

TECHNOLOGY P.I.E. MEETING

[Problems, Issues, & Events]

December 4, 2024

Present

Ryan Alruwaily
Janelle Biggs
Timothy Brooks
Brett Brown
John Conner
Bob Cundiff
Cami Draper
Nathaniel Gleason
Brian Golish
Dane Hinds
Annette Hummel
Bradley Kile
Gail Lewis
Padraic Lowery
Tamara Medina
Marlee Miller
William Niles
Christina Orr
Michael Orr
Karen Petersen
Adrienne Phelps
Brian Pollitt
Charles Proffitt
Alan Rivers
Jarren Saucedo
Caleb Seripinas
Christine Sloger Lowery
Cynthia Stanford
Cheryl Swafford
Justin Thorlton
Megan Tucker
Todd Turner
Andrea VanLeer

Today our group met in person, instead of a virtual meeting, in the Jackson building training room.

Miscellaneous

Annette commented that there is a meeting with Apple today regarding iPads for PreK & Kindergarten. The Lenovo's we have been purchasing are no longer available, so we are considering iPads for these grades. We are already using iPads for special ed & some specialty areas.

We are trying to arrange for Skyward Teacher training as requested. There is a D118SkywardHelp email group that you can send your questions to or ask for help with reporting and so on.

Gail Lewis is still having trouble connecting her Wacom to the Smartboard. Alan asked her to put a ticket in about this, stating a lot of time we do not know when something is not working. Ryan is going to look into the issue to see if he can help.

Canvas

We are looking into Canvas learning management software (LMS), due to the fact that this is what DACC uses, and it would be helpful with our dual-enrolled students at DACC. We have been using Blackboard and experiencing problems. We are thinking long term about how we can expand so everyone to work on the same platform. Someone asked if this affects Clever and Annette explained that Clever is an SSO (single sign-on) that allows students to login to all of the software needed, so it is different than LMS. Andrea Vanleer questioned if this is above what we need now because switching from Google to Canvas would be difficult. It's just one more thing to learn. Annette explained that we are still in the initial process of review and would take that into consideration.

ParentSquare – Skylert

When a blast message has to be sent out to parents/guardians/students and staff, Skylert, our communication platform, only allows 148 characters to a message, which really limits the information we can disseminate. ParentSquare, who recently acquired Remind, popular communication tools, allows more versatility in what we can communicate to parents/guardians/students and staff, so we are considering replacing Skylert with ParentSquare.

Employee Purchase

Karen Petersen provided an update about the Employee Purchase offer to staff. All Purchase orders have been processed and many of the items have already been delivered to the Warehouse. A pick-up date will be scheduled very soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 am

[Next virtual meeting is 1/15/25 at 7am](#)