

MINUTES

TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

Classroom Technology Integration Subcommittee

Date: August 9, 2011
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: WW55

The committee discussed professional development. It was decided that there should be a section in the application where the district would describe on-going support for professional development. A competitive grant can be used as a way to reward those schools that are providing and using professional development.

A question came up regarding the level of technology that is already being utilized in some schools/districts. The State Department of Education (SDE) will research what flexibility the schools have to use more of the money for professional development and report back to the committee.

In response to public questions, the committee explained that the type of device that will be purchased is unclear at this time. The committee is working to tie in professional development with technological innovations.

Regarding a question about attached requirements, the committee explained that it depends on what the district is trying to accomplish. If there is something already in place, there won't be a requirement. Some districts may already have the capacity to incorporate new devices.

The committee discussed the timeline to deliver the application to the districts. It was decided that the application will be sent to schools/districts on September 15, 2011 and returned to the SDE by November 15, 2011.

At this time half of the technology funds will be distributed sometime in September and the other half sometime in January. The SDE will confer with Tim Hill to find a definite time line.

Responding to public questions, the committee explained that the legislature decided to do a state-wide distribution instead of a pilot program. The districts will have the flexibility to choose which schools are ready to go ahead.

The committee discussed the professional development portal that Jacque Hyatt has researched with Boise State University. This portal would provide the professional development needs of the schools/districts in one area. Districts can develop their own series of trainings. The cost for the first year would be \$400,000, which would include setup and maintenance. Ongoing maintenance would be \$300,000 per year. This money would come out of the professional development funds. It was recommended that the Classroom Technology Integration Subcommittee would like to pursue the BSU professional

development portal and that they would like to submit it to the Technology Task Force Committee for approval.

A mid-month conference call will be scheduled in two weeks for this subcommittee by Jacque Hyatt.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.