

Attendance: Keith Alendander, BOE  
Debbie Leidlein, BOE and Committee Chair  
Andrew Clure BOE  
Carmella Amodeo, Director of Technology

Called to order: 5:05

Public Participation: None

Communications/Announcement: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

**Technology Plan** - Would like to review the plan to see if anything needs to be revised - [Carm is going to do some updates and send to Committee before next meeting.](#) (The plan was reviewed by members of DTC over the summer)

**Inventory equity** - [Committee would like to see a list of Technology items per school.](#) Carm explained some of the inequity between elementary schools is because of the purchases from other sources, such as PTAs.

**Technology Evaluation** - there is nothing formal - but Carm likes to try new Technology before it becomes used throughout the District. (Chrome Cart traveled to various schools to see how it was received by staff before one was ordered for 6 schools)

**Technology Budget Discussion:** Carm explained that what is requested in the budget, may not be what is actually purchased - we may need to purchase less quantity of an item to get the model or version that is needed to meet the needs at the time of the purchase. Budget equipment falls into three categories - obsolete, new initiatives and network.

**WiFi:** Discussion of building out wireless in the building & Carm gave an explanation of CEN, Connecticut Education Network (CEN) which delivers our high speed internet access and filtering. Teachers and staff have more access and can initiate communication with students - however students have limited ability. [What needs to be done to build out the wifi in the schools?](#)

**Equipment Replacement:** Discussed how to get more "updated" technology to students. Look at lease vs purchase - maybe test out one school with a lease option, or (2) 3 year leases instead of a 6 year. Possible purchase agreement with a specific company to lock in better pricing.

**BOE Policy and BYOD Agreement:** [Review BOE policy 8-300 and BYOD agreement at next meeting.](#)

**Cellular Service in Bldgs:** Concerns with lack of cellular service in some of the buildings. Carm said we are going to test "WeBoost" at the municipal center, POs have been issued. Cost is substantially less than the \$40,000+ for the booster at HOM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 23 at 8:00 AM

Public Participation: None

Meeting adjourned 6:00