

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 57
Office of the Superintendent
Waterboro, Maine 04087

PR/Technology Committee Meeting

October 19, 2020
East Training Room/Zoom

Committee Members: (*Chair)

Brenda Dyer*	Judith Vasalle	JoJo Dryden
Anastasia Ferguson	Jodi Laine	

Administrators:

Larry Malone	Catherine Dallaire	Barbara Gauvin
Jennifer Humphrey	Kevin Perkins	

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order: 6:01 pm
- B. Declaration of Quorum: A quorum was established
- C. Approval of Minutes from [September 21, 2020](#). Moved by Jodi Laine and 2nd by Anastasia Ferguson to accept the minutes of Sept. 21, 2020. Minutes were approved

D. Adjustments to the Agenda:

E. New Business:

a. New Position (Technology Tech/Connectivity)

The district has set up a new position with the purpose of helping staff with issues around connectivity of the software and connecting with families on a consistent basis.

The State is also making moves to address connectivity issues for those families that have slow/no internet, no cell service, and the need for hot spots. Working with different service providers to offer broadband to different areas of the state that don't have service. Walker Rd. in Lyman was highlighted in the news in August, and the DOE was informed. Hotspots were delivered to Walker Rd. residents. There is some

confusion between hot spots and broadband. This work is a push to run fiber cable to support broadband.

b. Classroom Remote Tools Install Update

A range of feedback has been received thus far, which of course vary depending on staff comfort levels with tech.

Jenn Humphrey: Training has included to review multiple sets of speakers, projectors, microphones, as well as a Q & A session that was provided.

Cathy Poulin: One teacher mentioned new system being a game changer, allowing remote learners to hear much better. Kevin stopped in to check in and support teachers the day after installation.

Kevin Perkins: 10 minute sessions each week with a particular teacher who needs support. He'd love to provide this support for all, but it's difficult when he is only one person. The transition has taken time, but we're learning deeply about the new system.

If application is approved by the state, MacBook Pros will be distributed to all admin and teachers. MacBook Airs will be distributed to ed techs and board members. This will likely happen mid-late November. This second round of CRF funds = \$2.5 million to be spent by 12-31-2020.

c. P/R Priorities -

Parent Survey to ask what they need for information from the district/tech department in both our current (Green/Yellow) status as well as if we enter red (fully remote) status.

Ask parents what they want to hear about?

Kevin Perkins shares the idea of putting out a survey to the community. It is agreed that Kevin will put out this survey to the community and report results back at the PR/Tech Committee meeting in November.

Brenda Dyer suggests reminding the board they cannot answer questions on Facebook or other social media platforms.

Kevin Perkins asks if we need to publicize the board meeting better. It was suggested that this be pushed out by the district. Kevin Perkins suggests this could be done as a scheduled event on Facebook.

F. Other: Saco River Community Media in Hollis (local access channel 22) has been sitting idle. They asked if we wanted to re-up with this service, which would only be for Waterboro.

Kevin Perkins will get more information into how each town accesses local TV. This would allow us to publicize board meetings and show a slideshow of school related community information. The service is free, the funds would come in to

pay someone to maintain it. This would require 10-15 hours per week. Perhaps this could be a community service opportunity for students?

G. Adjournment: 6:44 pm