

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

PR-Technology Committee Meeting

May 15, 2017

6:00 PM

EAST BUILDING – TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Committee Members:

Bryan Carpenter

Jennifer Mayo

Anastasia Ferguson

Others Present:

Angela Scully
Kevin Perkins

Barbara Gauvin

Larry Malone

AGENDA:

- A. Call to Order (6:00 pm)
- B. Declaration of Quorum –
A quorum was not established. The notes presented below represent the discussion of the Committee with no formal decisions.
- C. Adjustments to the Agenda
- E. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2017 (no quorum)
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
 - 1. PR

Facebook Management – It is definitely much better. There are positive items on the RSU 57 Facebook page each day. Posts are also done on weekends. Mr. Carpenter: Do we need a policy for posting/using our Facebook page? Can the monthly menus be posted before the end of the month? Can the photos be set up in albums (schools, athletics, calendar of events, menus, etc.)

Consistency – In order to become more consistent, can we provide a similar structure for the school handbooks, signs, and websites? We can do something as simple as placing signs in the different schools that tie the different buildings to our district as a whole. The goal in all of this is to build the RSU 57 brand.

2. Technology

17/18 Technology fee proposal – The proposal that the technology department would like to put into place next year includes a management fee for the new Chromebooks (GoGuardian) and the cost of insuring the MacBook Airs in grades 7 & 8.

Beginning in September 2017, RSU #57 will be using Chromebooks in grades 6 and 9-12. Each of these will have a service called GoGuardian, which allows technicians to track the device and control the content. This service costs \$5 each per year for the 1250 Chromebooks in the middle school and high school totaling \$6250/year. The cost of insuring a student MacBook Airs is \$66.89 next year for each of the 500 devices, totaling just over \$33,400. The total cost per student for these two features is a little above \$22.

Currently, we charge families based on qualification for free and reduced lunch. The full per student fee is \$40. Those that qualify for reduced lunch is \$20 and those that qualify for free lunch are free.

The suggested proposal is that a \$20/student fee be charged across the board. This would reduce the fee total for the majority of families. It would also allow the tech department to confirm the accuracy of income reports, given that free/reduced status cannot be confirmed. Families will be informed of any agreed upon change in June so that they have the opportunity to save for the fee.

SIS/LMS Update – The District has signed a contract with Edupoint to use their product, Synergy. We have teams in place and have begun setting up Synergy and converting our current data so that it can be placed into Synergy.

H. Other

Repurposing Old Devices – The technology department would like to offer families the use of the iPad 2's that are being phased out and being replaced by the iPad 4's currently in MMS and MHS. This would be organized and run by the guidance counselors and administrators in each building.

G. Adjournment (6:01 pm)