

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
CB MURRAY BUILDING
Tuesday, November 9, 2021

The technology committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Micheal Wetherbee.

Committee members present were: Micheal Wetherbee, Rod Stout, Kendra Horn, Cory Rowberry, and Destiny Howser. Sara Decker and Rodney Braaten were absent.

There were no visitors.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Technology Issues:

Superintendent Wetherbee advised the committee members that there are problems with the door lock system, and Fox Alarm had provided a quote to upgrade the software for approximately \$8,500; the computer that runs the system was recently upgraded; currently, if there are issues with the doors, we work with Stanley, through Kenco Security, and Fox Alarm; the current system is not mapped; having Fox Alarm upgrade the system will mean we work with one local company instead and they have better response time for service; Fox Alarm has good knowledge of the system, and works well with ISM.

The back hallway of the elementary school is still experiencing issues with connectivity and Wi-Fi; the teachers are struggling; ISM has had some changes in employees, which makes identifying the problem more difficult.

Mrs. Howser advised the committee that the District's internet provider is Three Rivers, and Information Systems of Montana (ISM) handles network management, filtering, firewalls, security against cyber-attacks, and software that allows IT to remote into most machines, so ISM doesn't need to be on site for most support issues; they also provide some hardware, such as wireless access points. They have multiple engineers on staff, and it is a benefit to have people familiar with all different things, and a huge benefit to have people who are familiar with our phone system.

Mrs. Howser and Superintendent Wetherbee have identified students' personal computers as an issue that needs to be resolved. It creates more work, doesn't allow the same filtering as school computers, and increases the liability on the District. If parents know ahead of time that personal computers will not be allowed, it should not be a problem. The District currently buys between 25 and 30 Chromebooks per year to keep them up to date.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:49 p.m., Cory Rowberry moved to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of this meeting were recorded and transcribed by Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk.


CLERK