

NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL MEETING
May 17, 2010 5:00 PM
SAU

In attendance: Josh Mulloy, Clay Dingman, Sandra Heaney, Vincent Paul Migliore, Ken Darsney, Daniel Rossner, Christine Hunewill (5:15 pm),

DR called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Old Business

A general briefing was given by DR on the status of the implementation of the new WAN. After our last meeting, the Board accepted this council's recommendation that we select G4 Communications as our new provider. The type and level of service to the various buildings was detailed.

Josh gave the Council a demonstration of the Nagios network monitoring software that has been implemented. This is a freeware product that he has spent a great deal of time setting up and it provides unparalleled visibility into the utilization and status of our assets. Council noted their high regard for this achievement.

New Business

The focus of the remainder of the meeting was the need for renewal of the district's three year Technology Plan. The final draft form which had been developed over the past 5 months by the IT and other SAU Administrators had been circulated to the Council in advance of this meeting.

DR reviewed it briefly, and summarized that it is intended to give a complete picture of:

- Where we are.
- Where we believe it is appropriate and reasonable to be in three years.
- Why we want to be there.
- How are we going to get there.
- How much will it cost.

VPM noted that the Board Philosophy was not included, although some Board policies were. DR explained that we had followed a template/rubric from the State guidelines as to how an approved Technology Plan should be constructed. VPM noted that the state template probably did not have to be followed exactly, and it probably did not specifically exclude the philosophy. DR further noted that the Philosophy was not a policy, and felt it was more of a procurement guideline that could be followed in the implementation of the goals set out in the plan as it was written. DR also noted that the philosophy may be subject to change in the future, if it was determined that "Market Mirror Image" was determined to not necessarily be the most advantageous choice for the

district's assets. VPM questioned if that was in process or if we were going to return to the Apple platform, to DR responded no. DR did note however that it was conceivable the district could determine that certain (limited) functionalities were best served by one type of device versus another, and may seek to have that flexibility at some point. However, as a rule we were certainly trying to procure in the most cost effective manner possible.

SH asked for background on the groups that worked on the plan, and KD discussed the various stakeholders and the true consensus we believe was achieved.

JM noted again that the policies included were those suggested by the State plan.

VPM noted that some of the dates on the policies were in the future. He also noted that we was listed as a School Board member and suggested that should be edited.

CD asked what DR would like to see come out of the meeting, and DR explained that if the Council was so inclined, he would like to see a motion recommending some form of approval of suggested approval to the School Board. If it included a suggestion that the Board review these minutes in conjunction with their approval, that was fine.

VPM questioned whether we had a quorum, and the minutes of February 4th, 2009 were reviewed. At that meeting the Council determined that a quorum would be seven members. Thusly, a quorum was determined to exist.

Members asked DR questions regarding notice of this meeting to other members of the council (not in attendance) and whether any comments or feedback had been received in advance regarding either the Plan, or the Meeting schedule, or their planned attendance. DR responded that the only people who responded to a) his request for suggestions of available times, b) his setting the time, or c) the information supplied in advance (the Plan) were here in the room. No one else responded in any manner.

Sandra Heaney: Motion to recommend the plan to the School Board with any necessary edits and consideration of the minutes of this meeting. Second by Clay Dingman. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn at 6:05 pm.