NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2009   5:00 PM
NMMS

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

Joshua Mulloy called the meeting to order at 5:0) pm

Salute to the Flag

Motion by Clay, second by Nancy to approve the minutes of 6/1/09. *6-0-0-1 Motion Passed.*

Old Business

A general briefing by Josh on the workload of the newly restructured department. The team is getting synchronized and accustomed to working in the new organization.

N update was provided on the procurement activities since the start of the new fiscal year. Nettops were used in the replacement of the machines in the NMMS lab. The NMMS Staff received new laptops. In addition, 10 new machines were deployed into the Tech Ed room at NRHS, 6 desktops (Ubunto O/S) and 4 laptops (Windows O/S). All are running CAD software successfully and Mr. Wheeler seems happy.

Josh spoke briefly of the difficulties being experienced with various server systems talking to each other without Mac Server involved. More follow up needed on our whole server picture

New Business

DR briefed group on the status and expiration of our current private network (WAN) agreement. A discussion was held on possible alternatives, ComCast, Dishnet, Direct TV, Metrocast, Satellite, Sirrius/XM, etc. Specific requests made by group for input on alternatives from Todd Westfall, DR will reach out to him. DR and IT group will contact other providers about availability, and put together a draft RFP. Goal is to have that RFP published (in correlation with e-rate bid notifications) before year end.

VPM brought his concerns about the district website and it's "ease of use" feels it needs to be improved. E.g. in a search for minutes, the result is not by calendar sequence, feels it should be. Request made for DR to speak with Superintendent, get permission for a work session with DR, VPM, and Webmaster (Sue Cross) to work on this issue.

A general discussion ensued about the value of increasing the amount of information on the website. Would it be possible to publish documents to the website without the

webmaster being involved due to the demands on her time? Could others be granted permissions to do this sort of thing?

The next meeting of the Council was tentatively set for Monday, November 30th at 5:00 pm, with an alternate date of December 2nd.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm.