

# Spearfish District Technology Committee Minutes

October 10, 2017

**Members Present:** Scott Hardesty, John Mitchell, Steven Overby, Stacy Weglin, Emily Benvenga, Teri Bauerly, Janice Koski, Brooke McLellan, and Jennifer McBurnett.

Scott called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. in the HS DDN room.

## Agenda

### Wireless Updates

- Mountain View, West Elementary, and Creekside.
- Removed HP controllers and access points.
- Installed Cisco Meraki access points with a MR42 cloud based solution.
- Devices are working well and plan on updating HS and MS next summer with same solution.

### Generic Accounts

- Will not create generic network accounts for subs.
- Users sign an Acceptable Use Policy and need to be accountable of such use.
- Please contact the IT Office to create sub accounts. This only takes 5 minutes.

### Power Off Devices

- Noticing many computers powered on overnight and weekends. Please turn computers off when you go home at end of day.
- Smartboards powered on when not in use. Please turn off Smartboards. Bulbs are very expensive and life of bulb is based on hours used.

### Locking Computers

- Please lock your computer when unattended. This will keep your account secure.
- Can lock quickly by selecting the Windows key and the L key at the same time.

### Teacher Laptops

- Implementation of laptops for certified staff and Mountain View, West Elementary, Creekside, and Middle School went well.
- Gave instruction on extended desktop and calibrating the Smartboard.
- Some issues with port replicator and VGA connections to Smartboard.

### HS Laptop Purchase

- Have started the discussion with vendors and Administration about next year's make and model to support the HS 1:1 program.
- New pricing and models will not be out until January.
- Discussion on continuing with a tablet device or laptop and pros and cons of each.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 1:1

- Exploring the possibility of pushing down the 3-year-old HS tablet to 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Currently using these devices in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Need to determine if we have enough of the HS tablets to support for 3 years.

### Anti-Virus

- Moved away from Symantec anti-virus and using Windows Defender.

### Bandwidth Upgrade

- State updated our Firewall and our bandwidth capabilities from 250MB to 1GB.

**Next meeting will be December 12, 2017**