

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAIRFIELD, CT

**Strategic Planning
Technology Action Committee**

Thursday, January 20, 2010
Education Center
501 Kings Highway East
Board of Education Meeting Room

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Burt at 3:23 PM.
Members Present: Antonello, John; Burt, Jeffrey; Byrnes, Nancy; Callahan, Nicki; Faiella, Diane;; Hogue, Mary; Mckinnis, David; Persson, Dorna; Rasmussen, Paul; Rosato, Gary; Ullman, Ellen; Wakeman, Walter*
- II. Electronic alternatives to textbooks
Fairfield Warde HS Social Studies teacher Amy MacIntosh demonstrated to the committee her use of an online database as an alternative to a textbook for her US History classes. Advantages were discussed including up-to-date information, 24 hour access, multiple resources associated with a topic, and low cost-per student. Concerns included ensuring access for students without a computer or internet access at home and ensuring that, if this process becomes a standard practice, all teachers are properly trained on its use. The committee discussed the including the goal of moving to electronic resources as part of the long-range vision.
- III. Review of sub-committees work on Strategic Plan #1: all stakeholders will be proficient in the use of technology. Review of revised staff survey and LoTi survey.
Tabled until next meeting.
- IV. Review of sub-committees work on Strategic Plan #2: integrating information and technology literacy into all curricula. Review and discuss the technology rubric.
Tabled until next meeting.
- V. Discuss increase in size of technology committee and frequency of meetings.
- VI. Initial discussion of long-range vision statement/plan
Agenda items V & VI were combined into one discussion. Jeff Burt proposed that there was a need for greater representation on the committee and that the committee needed to expand its scope to function as a technology steering committee for the district. The committee agreed and it was decided that there would be two meetings per month

when possible: one meeting to address the Strategic Plan and an additional meeting to address general technology issues such as the Prismatic Survey and a long-range vision. The committee also reviewed a draft of a long-range vision that was created two years ago. It was decided that a small sub-committee would work on creating a revised draft and then bring it to the whole committee on February 14 for review.

VII. Initial review of Prismatic audit
Tabled until next meeting.

VIII. Other action items
None

IX. Future Meeting Dates
Long-range vision sub-committee - TBD
Committee as a whole - Monday, February 14, 2011

X. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 4:31