

Chief Information Officer/Director of Technology

Board Report

Mar 15, 2022

- The new switches have been installed throughout the district. The installation was completed after school hours so as to not disrupt instructional time.
- We still have access points that we have not received due to supply shortages and shipping issues. This equipment is part of our eRate program from last calendar year and unfortunately we have not received those yet. Hopefully, things will start moving along and we will have them soon.
- Once we receive these access points to fill in the “weak areas”, our network infrastructure will have the latest equipment.
- eRate does not pay for non-instructional buildings such as central office, bus garages and maintenance buildings. Our goal this summer is to upgrade the access points and switches in these buildings. The bus garage is in good condition because of the age of the building. All new switches and access points were included in the construction project when the building was planned. Our focus will be on the central office and the maintenance building.
- We are currently working on setting up Chromebooks for the Sophomore ACT which is on March 29.
- We are also working with the Lower and Upper Elementary to return Chromebooks to school on a permanent basis. The students had been taking them back and forth but in order to prepare them for Spring testing, we will need to have them back in the district full time.
- The District Technology Planning Committee will meet on March 15th to determine the district technology needs for the next school year. I have included various stakeholders in this committee from technicians, principals, classroom teachers, special education teachers and instructional coaches in order to have input from all. This is our first meeting so we will review the topics in the plan that we need to address, create a needs assessment and a plan of action.
- STLP State Competition is April 20th and we have several students competing.
- The second grade is holding a Health and Safety Fair on April 1st and I will be teaching the internet safety courses
- I have been working with Family Resource Center and Youth Service Centers on ideas to assist families with device management and internet safety in the home