LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 22, 2019

Present:
Jim Klein, CTO
Dallas Lawrence, Board Member
Lesli Stein, Board Member
Dan Stepenosky, Superintendent
Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent
Tina Johnson, District Media Coordinator
Karen Lagola, District Instructional Technology Coach
Nancy Minicozzi, District Instructional Technology Coach
Lisa Hatfield, A.E.Wright Middle School Teacher

Meeting called to order at 3:40 PM

Mr. Klein Shared the following updates:

Ed Tech Projects Review 2018-19

- 10Gb (10 fold) increase in internet access speed
- Implemented backup wireless internet links between middle and high schools
- Upgraded wireless infrastructure at 2 schools. Redistributed wireless equipment to remaining sites, in order to increase capacity. Upgrades ongoing.
- Designed and developed online enrollment system. Worked with staff to develop new processes and procedures.
- Touchscreen laptop testing in math and science departments at middle and high schools
- Increase in Cyber Safety efforts - tripled the number of parent informational meetings this year
- Water District “Explore the Power of Water” Partnership at all elementary schools. Consistent program and activities district-wide
- Universal Student ID/Library Cards are now active. Students only need their school ID to use materials at the Calabasas City Library
Telephony and Security Systems Update
Significantly increase in implementation of various security technologies, including
- Increase to 288 total cameras, district-wide and deployed 20+ monitoring screens to school sites
- Ongoing development of new camera monitoring software and web servers
- Raptor system implementation - 25K+ scans in the first half of the year
- Implementation of mass notifications via SMS/Text. Used extensively as part of the fire communication/response
- Completed telephone system migration and testing
- Expanded PA systems coverage and integrated PA access into the new telephone system
- Vape/Bullying detectors in middle and high schools

Paper / Copier Use
Committee reviewed paper and copier use since the Forward Learning program was introduced. Significant decrease in printing and copying since going digital.

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New Communications Tools

The District is exploring a new communications platform to replace Blackboard, called Aeries Communications System. Integrated into the district’s student information system, Aeries Communications System offers the following benefits:

- Faster and easier communications for all staff, as it is integrated into Aeries
- Engagement tracking - senders can view who opened, read, and responded to emails, who actually listened to voice calls, etc.
- Automatic voice and translation using Amazon Alexa technology
- Aeries Mobile App integration, connecting communications to student information seamlessly

Digital Curriculum

- Lisa Hatfield, teacher from A.E. Wright Middle School, shared the digital components of the newly adopted, TCI Social Studies curriculum.
- The process for developing our own curriculum for middle school English Language Arts (ELA) was discussed
- Timelines for the middle school science curriculum were shared, as were ideas for internal development, in a similar fashion to the ELA curriculum.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM