Chenango Valley Central School District
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee: Technology   **Month:** October 2009

Janet Gleason, the Director of Technology at Chenango Valley held a District Technology meeting on October 27, 2009. Items discussed were:

Agenda:

1. Internal Grant Program:

- We funded all grants requested (one was actually already funded with ARRA funds). Grants ranged from inexpensive items like speakers and wireless air mice to Smartboards and laptops. We also fulfilled a number of software requests as part of this program. We use State Hardware and Software Aid for funding these.

2. Review local TRC winners (Mike Breed and Tina Conklin):

- The Technology Research Committee is a regional group funded by districts through BOCES that awards grants to teachers. Mike Breed is receiving a Smartboard through this program and Tina Conklin is receiving the majority of a writing lab of mini laptops (we're funding part of the project locally). The grants were distributed throughout all buildings, though this year the most came from the Middle School.

3. Training Update:

- We discussed what training we already have scheduled and what we want to offer in the future. Training on video production was discussed so we'll be offering Moviemaker in the near future. This Friday we have BOCES professional development staff working with teachers (PK, K, and 1) at Port Dickinson on Technology in the Early Literacy Classroom.

4. Acceptable Use Policy

- In the past, all students have been required to return a signed acceptable use policy every school year. This has proven problematic for the start of school since many classes really need to start using computers on day one. For next school year, we'll be doing an opt out for internet usage (much as we do for photographs). Parents will opt out if they don't want their child to have internet access. We'll provide continuous access (it won't stop at the end of the school year) for all students unless their parents opt out.

5. Additional Discussion

- Sometimes people don't know what's available so we discussed producing a list of available hardware and software so that a teacher interested in a particular item could go talk with the person who already has it to decide if they think they'd be interested in it. This item was discussed again this month and various methods of communicating the information. Probably a list in the labs would be most useful.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 1st.

Minutes written by: Janet Gleason   **SIGNED:** _Lynn Kaufman_
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