SLA Meeting
March 13, 2017
7:30 am @ The Nest. Viewed, Erica Eberhardt, teacher presentation. Called to order 8:05am (Kathryn Talty 1st, Shannon 2nd). Notes by Becky Malinas & Shannon Green.

Attendees: Tim Cosgrove (via phone), Kathryn Talty, Shannon Green, Bill Wade, Chad VanArnhem, Scott Amstutz, Dr. Lynn Campbell, Becky Rowell-Malinas, Jeannette Blankenship, John Renwick, Ed Bradac & Erika Eberhardt.

AGENDA ITEMS
1. Meeting minutes (February minutes approved Kathryn Talty, Shannon Green 2nd)
2. Lenova Review and 1:1 Initiative (John Renwick, Ed Bradac, Bill Wade)
3. Instructional Coaches Share Out (Erika Eberhardt, Ed Bradac, Bill Wade)
4. Preschool Adjustment for 18-19 (Bill Wade, Becky Malinas)
5. Public comments and questions
6. Adjourn

Updates on Lenovo and 1:1 Initiative (see attached presentation for more info)
Ed Bradac and John Renwick
- Comparison between Macbook and Lenovo:
- Update on Straight A Grant:
  - Began with the Macbooks as part of Mentor Schools (fiscal agent) choice of the Mac Books due to the size of Mentor and the grant came through them.
  - 2015-2016 was the first year for the 1:1 initiative for various pathways and the 1:1 initiative.
  - They looked at Macbooks, Chromebooks and various computers (surface Pro-issues with the three movable parts), took teacher and student input on the type of computer to purchase.
  - Summer 2015 building renovations.
  - Professional Development throughout the school year, worked with Mentor Schools through the purchase and PD.
  - Goal was not to increase District spending, had to show cost savings and that the District could carry on the initiative. This was a concern on how to sustain the initiative.

Cost of Macbooks:
- The District paid $462,240 for 535 computers which covered grades 8-12.
- Cost per grade each year to continue using Macbooks $70,000 (2018).
- Grades 5-12 total cost would be approximately $560,000 (2018).

What are the students doing with the Computers?
- Google Apps for Education (Dos, Sheets, Slides, Sites, etc)
- Learning Management System (Schoology)
- Infinite Campus
- Audio and video recording
- Web 2.0 Applications (See Saw, Quizizz, Play Posit, Kahoot, Bubbl, etc).
- Computer class is using some special software for programming and robotics that work on pc and mac.

Question: Did we consider lower level cost for younger students? Due to the work the students were doing on their computers, it was determined that the work the students were doing, they could do on many other computers.

Why did we Choose the Lenovo N22?

- Researched of multiple devices:
- Purchased 820 computers at $139,400
- Able to go 1:1 in grades 5-12.
- Sold Macbooks to Diamond Assets for $185,000.
- Purchased 222 more Lenovo N22s for $39,294 to cover grades 3 and 4.
- Repairs for Macbooks was much higher than the Lenovo computers.
- 5th grade-no breakage but they do leave the Lenovos at school.

Instructional Coaches (see attached presentation):
Ed Bradac and Erica Eberhardt

Two part-time coaches
First year we have had Curriculum Coaches.
Supporting Administration and Curriculum.
Curriculum 21, Curriculum Mapping during Teacher Work Day.
Marcia Kish
7 visits working with grades 3-8.
Gifted with Beth Wilson-Fish
Have to "Know how to think" instead of "What to think".
8 things to look for in Today's Classrooms:
Voice
Choice
Time for Reflection
Opportunities for Innovation
Critical Thinking
Problem Solvers/Finders
Self-Assessment
Connected Learning
Work through the Coaches:
Using Google Apps.
Sharing Documents and utilizing the power of Google.
Choice Boards-now they are to choices through Google.
Work with students that are excelling and students that are struggling due to Google.
Students now have total participation.
Future Readiness
Leading the way into Portfolio work.
Nearpod, playposit, Pear Deck, Commonlit, Newslea, Achieve3000
XtraMath, Study Island, STMath(good visual math program)
Artsonia

Preschool Adjustments:

- Preschool has historically been run by the ESC, Kirtland will now be running the Kirtland New Beginnings Preschool that will continue to be housed at the Kirtland Elementary School.
- Discussion on Preschool costs.
- Becky has worked on getting costs down, has cut the cost in half.
- New cost, brochure, communication to District. Looking at $1,630.00/year, was $1.200.00/year. Can have up to 48 children in pre-school (24 in AM & 24 in PM).

Public comments:

- Jeannette reminded everyone about O.P.E.N. presentation "Recognize the Signs" will help parents to learn more about depression and anxiety in children. Tuesday, March 20th, 2018. 6:30-8:00pm in Hornet Hall.
- Shannon asked about **HB 512** which looks to create a new Department of Learning and Achievement to oversee primary, secondary and postsecondary education. The bill transfers much of the duties and authority of the State Board of Ed and superintendent of public instruction to the newly created Dept of Learning and Achievement. There is opposition on this bill as the State Board of Ed (w/ 11 regionally elected members) would no longer have any voice in state education policy. We discussed sending letters to our representatives as hearings are scheduled on the bill as soon as this week.