

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The following outlines the list of activities and expenses related to the technology plan for the month of May.

Through several grants the district has been able to purchase 16 new computers for the Franzen 5th grade classrooms. Additionally, 15 new computers have been purchased for the peacock computer lab and media center, leaving a total of 26 computers to be purchase based on our life-cycle plan. This amounts to the creation of four new image sets, one for each configuration model. The technology team has been working to create these image sets and has completed two of the four and should have the others completed soon. Image creation requires an extremely laborious and time-consuming process of installing all service packs, patches, and software programs.

During this school year the technology staff has noticed anywhere from 20 to 45 computers remaining on overnight. While this not only adds to electrical costs it also creates additional wear-and-tear and more importantly security concerns. Therefore, a program has been created that ensures all computers are shutdown each evening. This has been tested and in place for the past several months.

This month has been unusually busy with an inordinate amount of technical problems with older computers requiring replacement parts. Also, there have been a number of difficult to clean browser hijackings that appear to be on the rise which has an obvious concern since several of these “attacks” basically rendered computers useless until the technology team was able to clean them with security tools.

There has been updated builds installed for both the financial management package and payroll program. Both programs are running extremely well and showing a great deal of stability since they were first deployed. Updates are fewer and problems tend to be much more minor than when first deployed.

The expenditures for the month of May are as follows:

Administrative Software	\$2,019.06
E-Mail Accounts	\$117.00
Repair/Replacement	\$1,364.00
Telecommunications Charges	
-WAN	\$686.39
-Internet (ISBE)	\$270.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,456.45