

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

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

STIOffice has been selected to replace the current student information system, SMWin. A pre-implementation site survey has been completed to ensure all hardware and communication connections will accommodate the new program requirements. At this time there are no technical issues preventing us from moving forward. The servers that will contain the SIS should be upgraded with additional memory, the cost should not exceed \$800. As requested by the board a very generic schedule is being provided that lays out a timeline for the rollout and training of the new system. This is an extremely complex package that will require adequate time for training to ensure a smooth transition and no security lapses. Since the system will require a number of major changes to our security, to allow the servers onto the Internet, it is imperative that adequate time be allowed for planning and testing of the parent module.

This month again has had higher than normal help desk incidents. There appears to be an expected trend for more maintenance as our technologies reach a phase of maturity. One issue that has helped attribute to higher help desk incidents is Malware. The district is seeing more of this on laptops that creates a problem due to the difficulty of re-imaging these types of machines. A new product has been purchased that will augment our current virus protection system and should allow the technology team to better contain this serious and rapidly growing problem. Lastly, there has been a need for more advanced maintenance and service on district printers.

The technology staff has continued with upgrading the virus protection system, updates have been completed on several of our subnets. Baring any problems this project should be completed by the end of April.

Dell has issued a recall of laptop power supplies and after assessment of the approximately 80 district laptops only 5 power supplies were found to be part of the recall program. These units have since been replaced.

The expenditures for the month of March are as follows:

E-Mail Accounts	\$115.00
Reoccurring Charges	\$226.50
Repair/Replacement	\$596.98
Telecommunications Charges	
-WAN	\$686.39
-Internet (ISBE)	\$270.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,894.87

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