

LLCS Minutes

Team Name: Technology Committee

DATE: 9/27/16

FACILITATOR: Andy Truesdell/Sally Long

RECORDER: S. Long

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS:

Voted on Secretary—Megan Nevins
Voted on Chairperson—Sally Long
Decision needs to be made to address parent concerns about accessing information about students on our webpage.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

The meeting was convened at Dr. Carlisle's request to address multiple parent concerns that were received at Open House on 9/22. We spent the whole 45 minutes addressing the issue of access to information about students on our Web Page and School Tool.

Dr. Carlisle spoke of the concern that parents have to navigate multiple platforms with separate passwords to find out student attendance, grades, teacher web pages and assignment listings. It was noted that some teachers are still posting assignments on webpage, others are not.

Paul Roalsvig noted that in order to find out regularly what assignments his children have, it takes a long time to access and assignments are not always posted since last year. Also, Parent Portal passwords needed to be updated for access to grades and attendance.

A clear and consistent policy needs to be adapted and followed by staff regarding teacher webpages and assignments so that parents do not have to follow different procedures depending upon which teacher is using which platform. (Google Classroom was also mentioned as yet a third password required platform that was put forward.)

Amy Harkness mentioned that the student agendas were given out as a means to encourage student responsibility in writing down assignments and the onus needs to be on the student—not the teacher in providing the assignment information.

Emily Blanchard wanted clarification on how general or specific the assignments needed to be.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Carlisle, Andy Truesdell, Emily Blanchard, Elizabeth Noonan, Amy Harkness, Charles Schulman. BOE member: Paul Roalsvig.
Absent: Megan Nevins and Parent rep. Craig Wamback.

Paul Roalsvig agreed with wanting to support student responsibility, but said when a student doesn't have the agenda or is out sick, or if the parent just wants to double check what the assignments are, it is necessary to have the information posted in an easily accessible manner.

Sally Long mentioned having the teacher webpage on School Fusion as being unlocked with the assignments listed for the class, and a link on that page to the School Tool parent portal to quickly get to the grades and attendance. A link to another web page or Google Classroom could also be there so at least it is clear and concise as to where to get the information.

Elizabeth Noonan said she agreed that a non-password protected teacher page is needed with possible links to School Tool on them. All agreed School Tool was clunky to use and perhaps we could look for something better to house our webpage.
We are meeting in two weeks to finalize decisions.

NEXT MEETING:

Date October 12

Time: 2:45 HS Library

Action Items

Subcommittee formed by Dr. Carlisle consisting of Andy Truesdell, Sally Long and Charles Schulman to investigate options of changing Web Host services to different company than School Fusion.