Joint Technology
Annual Committee Report

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Structure:
>The committee is comprised of 3 members from TSU and 3 members from the TCDSB. This year a 4th and 5th member was added to allow the ability to substitute members in or out of a meeting based on availability and their areas of strength. A WEBMARKS sub-committee exists (at the request of the Board) to deal with more specific programming issues.

Activities:
As per Appendix T of the Collective Agreement, the JTC was scheduled to meet 4 times during this academic year. Meetings took place on Oct 10, 2019, Nov 27, 2019, April 17, 2020, and the fourth and fifth meeting is yet to be scheduled. There were also two prep meetings and a few testing sessions. The Web Marks sub-committee did not meet this year as there were no pressing concerns on either side.

Data Breach
- An update was provided about the data breach in January, founding was that student viewed other student's information, but confirmed the information was view only and they cannot access students of other schools.
- 450 students' data was viewed
- Letter was sent home explaining the situations
- The root cause was a software bug and is fixed

I&T Strategies
- Document was review – as it's a draft version
- Document is for I&T planning for the entire organization
- JTC should monitor this plan in future meetings

AUP
- School board will have AUP ready later this school year
- In May 2019 last working group for AUP occurred and finished off the drafting of the policy
- Has to be brought forward for approval
- What still has to be done:
  - Look at the sign off sheets at individual schools.

- o   new employees to sign off on AUP when hired (TSU has concern on a sign off. TSU believes we need to have better training on this. Needs to go to Joint PD)
- o   new splash screen on computers at login

SOAR
- Wave 1 - 97.7% rate of response. 94% of applications completed.
- Was a year of firsts.
- Complications from TSU:
- Specialty programs not fully taken care of.

Student access to devices and Internet while Distance Learning occurs
- TCDSB leased iPads and Chromebooks. iPad solution allowed for both a device and internet access.
- Initial order of 3000 iPads and 3000 Chromebooks is ordered.
- Shipping priority is as follows: Grade 12, 11 ,10 etc…

Technical Support during Distance Learning
- Service Desk hours is extended
- Password reset policy is relaxed for staff

Using Video Conferencing during Distance Learning
- Board has brought forward the use of Google Meet
- TSU and JTC highly recommends that teacher to not use Google Meet or any other video conferencing tools with students due to potential risk of security, being videotaped, and other issues.
- Zoom should never be used with student, and board believe that it is safe for staff as admin is using licensed version

Recommendations:
- Continue request documentation for initiatives for consultation.
- Seek more reporting and data from Board on issues and initiatives.
- Seek to engage JTC to collect, review and assess feedback from classroom teachers about their use of existing and newly planned or amended technology
- Non consultation/policy or workload grievances should be filed where they occur.
- The Board should continue to monitor the problems associated with Web Marks and work with the sub-committee to create solutions related to platforms and web browser compatibility.
- TSU should monitor workload issues with regards to B.Y.O.D and its limitations currently within, especially due to proposed changes from the Provincial Government regarding online learning.
- TSU should monitor workload issues with regards to slow wifi speeds
- That TSU continue to ask the Board to refine and work collaboratively on the PIM policy
- The Board in-service all members on PIM.
- The Board create an annual budget line for computers for teacher use.
- That the Board identify Webmarks costs in a budget line

- TSU should continue to review workload of teachers through technology, including but not limited to: inability to access software, inability to accommodate multiple browsers, inability to access the intranet and lack of availability of teacher computers.
- With the coming of the new Student Information System, and the creation of a sub-committee it is expected JTC members will be required to be released more in 2020-2021. Budget should be adjusted to accommodate this.
- To continue monitoring tools used during distance learning, in particular, as use of video conferencing as a teaching tool.
- Additional meeting may be required due to potential changes due to the COVID19 situation.

Terms of Reference: (See Appendix T of Collective Agreement 2014-2017)

The functions of the JTC include the following:
- **The Joint Technology Committee (JTC) is to review matters concerning Webmarks and technology including but not restricted to hardware and software affecting classroom teachers.**
    - to review and make recommendations concerning existing and newly planned or amended technologies and their use affecting classroom teachers
    - to review and make recommendations about existing and future supports, resources and training for teachers concerning existing and newly planned or amended technology affecting classroom teachers
    - to collect, review and assess feedback from classroom teachers about their use of existing and newly planned or amended technology
    - to make recommendations about the needs for new technology or changes to existing technology
    - to obtain information relevant to existing and newly planned or amended technology affecting classroom teachers
- **Notice of plans of any new technology or any changes to existing technology will be provided to this committee.**

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