

Hiteon PTC General Meeting Minutes October 3rd, 2018

Welcome/Introductions

Present: Marilee Shafer, Alicia Schenbeck, Laura Harding, Amy Harrison, Carrie Tillotson, Shawna Grigsby, Brenda Montgomery, Megan Mumford, Sarah Parsons, Susan Kalis, Heidi Brown, Heidi Hopkins, Laura Yarnell, Tory Woods, Amy Bernert, Rebecca Shell Kanarek, Sherry Dexheimer Thompson, Monica Arbow, Jenni Schmidt, Megan Nace

Discussion Topics

1. Principal's report-Monica Arbow:
 - a. 2nd grade has been allocated another teacher. Interviews under way, class sizes will be 24-25 each. Announced to 2nd grade families today, hope to announce new teacher in another week. Will balance classrooms by gender, academic strengths/weaknesses, ESL, other extenuating circumstances – will use the same process as assigning classrooms for the start of the school year. Would take about 4-5 kids from each classroom to create new classroom.
 - b. How will new classroom affect specials schedule? There won't be a big impact.
 - c. Question on what is the specials schedule? There is a master schedule for rotation of specials. It is a 6 day rotation. Every 6 days, it starts over.
 - d. Crosswalks: City has approved crosswalk on 135th, and district staffing has been approved.
 - e. Conference sign-ups will happen later this week.
 - f. Don Grotting (BSD superintendent) at staff meeting yesterday to celebrate Hiteon's gain in math and reading scores across all groups.
2. Technology Presentation: Apple TV
 - a. Jenni Schmidt shared how Apple TV has benefitted her classroom.
 - b. Increased engagement – just something about a TV screen and kids.
 - c. Increased participation. Sharing work, collaboration, no more waiting to photocopy something to project. Can take a picture of someone's work, and immediately show it on the Apple TV for classroom learning.
 - d. Increased teacher engagement and mobility. Teacher can move around the room easier. More focus on what the kids are doing.
 - e. Allow for very responsive teaching!
 - f. Ipads and other devices can be mirrored and projected.
 - g. Improved flexibility – videos and photographs outside can be readily shared in the classroom
 - h. Safety – no bright light of projectors, no hot lamps, one cord to manage instead of several bulky things.

- i. Cost. Far less than projectors, screens, interactive whiteboards, and document cameras and replacement parts over time.
- j. Mobile – TV and devices can be moved around.
- k. Pinch and zoom – highlight one aspect of a piece of work, saves instructional time, keeps students engaged.
- l. No distracting fan noise.
- m. Allows use of authentic student work throughout the classroom.
- n. There is a stand that has a live camera that can also project.
- o. Are all of the classrooms allocated ipads? – yes.
- p. Is there anything special about the TV? – no. This one is not a touch screen TV. There are some with touch screen available.
- q. From a technical perspective, the TV can cast to all of the student computers (for classes with Chromebooks).
- r. Upper grades use Chromebooks – they would not also need iPads.
- s. Middle schools and high schools don't currently have Apple TVs. What's the benefit of having it at the elementary level, when it won't be something they have in upper grades? The district is moving toward Apple TVs. Mountainside has it, Southridge is beginning to implement, Conestoga has some. So this is the direction the district is going. It'll be a cyclical process.
- t. Cost difference between projector set-up, and Apple TV?
 - i. \$876 if the teacher has an Apple TV (over half of Hiteon teachers already have one), Apple TV is another \$150 (includes TV, Apple TV, iPad stand, iPad??) – would be around \$1025 for complete set-up
 - ii. Current projector and document camera - \$1200
- u. In terms of student learning, it won't matter
- v. A lot of projectors are starting to go out. Schools are needing to decide if they want to keep going with projectors or go with Apple TVs.
- w. The district supports Chromebooks and iPads, but not projectors/Apple TVs. In the past, the PTC has given grants for projectors and document cameras. The past nest egg is now dwindling. PTC gave a \$10,000 grant for several years.
- x. Hiteon is trying to figure out how to make this happen.
- y. Currently teachers are using Apple TVs to put stuff up on projector.
- z. What happens to old devices if we upgrade?
- aa. Hiteon's current plan is to purchase 3 set-ups, give out with a lottery system, and use those old projectors as back-up
- bb. Megan Nace presented on specific aspects of the technology:
- cc. Current set up status: Projectors (leftover from district, all model, no spares) and document cameras (functionality varies, no spares, 6 dated models in use)

- dd. Hiteon staff preference: 75% want TV, Apple TV, iPad stand. 25% want document camera and projector
- ee. Hiteon's commitment: Need to be proactively replacing things. Hiteon will buy 3 new set-ups each year (TV, Apple TV, stand)
- ff. Hiteon is asking PTC to match the 3 new set-ups.
- gg. What age do you feel like this would be most impactful? Where will the benefit lie in who gets these? If it's so great, what about the classrooms that aren't getting it? All classrooms would benefit, but is most impactful if the teacher wants the system.
- hh. Lottery system would still need to be worked out.
 - ii. For whatever teachers get the system, how would its use be evaluated? Would be done by Megan and Monica as part of their regular evaluations – classroom resources.
 - jj. There is a district person who's available to help teachers with questions regarding the set-up if needed.
- 3. Budget Review-Megan Mumford
 - a. Checks are coming in and checks are going out
- 4. Walk and Bike to School
 - a. October 10 – next Wednesday. If anyone has a heart for creating a walking school bus once a month, please get in touch with PTC.
- 5. Passport club
 - a. Nailing down final details. Opt in forms went out. Waiting to see number of students who will be involved. Still figuring out at what point in the day, and where will do the testing, getting volunteers and how many needed.
 - b. No longer a school-wide program. Is voluntary if kids want to participate.
 - c. Maps will go out to each classroom by October 12.
- 6. Follow up:
 - a. Thank you from PE teachers for screen:
 - i. Was used for assembly on Friday. It was great!
 - b. Chipotle results
 - i. ~\$600. Used to match 50% and they changed it to %33.
 - ii. There won't be posters for dining for dollars around the school anymore, but fliers will go home in boxes, and emails, and Facebook events and updates.
 - iii. October 10/23 is McTeacher night.
 - c. Bike Rack Project Update
 - i. Moving forward. Timeline unsure. Megan Mumford is working with city to get neighborhood funds.
 - d. Newsletter Translation
 - i. Will be using Smore for newsletter going forward.
 - ii. Will recruit for a new parent volunteer to translate newsletter into Spanish.

- iii. Website now has automatic translation from Google Translate
- e. Open Chair Positions – mentioned, not discussed
- 7. 2019/2020 PTC Board Positions: Board positions are only allowed for 2-year terms, according to by-laws. Will need people to fill open positions for next year, can be useful to shadow the current board member.
 - a. VP 1: Committee's
 - b. VP 2: Fundraising
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Co-volunteer coordinator
- 8. Upcoming events
 - 10/4 Picture Day
 - 10/10 Walk and Bike to School
 - 10/12 Popcorn Friday: Looking for volunteers to assist. Will now allow up to 2 bags of popcorn per student. Even at only 2 each, would be a stretch to keep up with demand. Info about the change to 2 bags will go out in the Hiteon Highlights this week, and on Facebook page the night before.
 - 10/15-10/18 Book Fair: Theme is Enchanted Forest
 - 10/23 McTeacher Night 5-8 pm
 - 10/24-10/25 Passport Club

Next General Meeting: November 7th at 7:00 pm

Open Discussion

Passport: Question about where to find maps: Still collecting opt in forms, maps will be forthcoming and will be sent home with teachers. Maps are also available on the PTC website. In October, Passport will start with both September and October maps, because September Passport didn't happen.