

December 13, 2016
Franklin-Randall PTO Membership Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome and Introductions to Beth Clarke, technology director for MMSD.
- II. What does G2 and G3 mean for our schools?
 - A. Franklin is part of a G2, or second phase, district rollout of technology to be used in the classrooms. Randall will be G3 and will start next fall.
 - B. So far, Franklin has monitors in each room for the teachers to use. Some of the staff have gone to Shorewood Elementary to witness how technology is being implemented there.
 - C. The next phase of the roll out at Franklin will be to provide devices to each student (Chromebooks.) The intent is to be able to personalize learning for each student.
- III. How was it decided which devices to use in our schools?
 - A. A pilot study was run using Chromebooks vs. Ipads. Chromebooks won out due to user friendliness, and accessibility to google docs. (MMSD is a googledocs district.)
 - B. Classrooms are still able to use Ipads if they provide and maintain them on their own.
- IV. [ISTE standards website](#) and [MMSD.org/ignite](#) websites
 - A. The ISTE standards website will give you the learning standards that the teachers will be using when they apply their technology.
 - B. MMSD.org/ignite has resources for families surrounding digital citizenship.
 1. Google docs for education is not like regular Google in that it is not allowed to track student information.
 2. All ads must be SOPA (Stop Online Piracy Act) compliant.
- V. How does MMSD support the teachers during the technology roll out?
 - A. MMSD has 3 instructional coaches that work with the schools.
 - B. There is an educational technology online cafe available, training in the spring, and personal opportunities for staff.
 - C. There are also “tech ninjas” for the classroom that are kids.

Question and Answer period:

- Q: Is cyberbullying taught in conjunction with PBS (positive behavioral support?)
A. Yes, it will be.
- Q: When does the typing curriculum start?
A. In second and third grade.
- Q: How can we support learning at home?
A. Go to [Franklin Library “lib guide.”](#) The district would like to improve on teaching the language of the technology to the families, and to communicate what we are learning better.

Principal Updates

- I. Franklin
 - A. The teachers have taken the day to observe at other schools in the district with PTO money.
 - B. They earned an all school celebration and wore pajamas and got small book lights.
 - C. Weather update: -10 with windchill they will stay inside. If it is -25 or below school will be canceled.
- II. Randall
 - A. The second round of testing is in progress.
- III. Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Prepared by Sara Campbell, PTO secretary.