

May 2018

Technology Report

- Technology budget to be approved has many of the same software as the years past, but I am adding a few new things this year.
 - Wanting to go with a new website hosting company.
 - Wanting to continue our EES Licensing Agreement with the State to always have access to the newest Office software, newest Windows OS and Server OS.
 - Wanting to get a software that will allow us to know exactly how much we are printing to our leased copiers and our color printers.
 - As far as new hardware, we have a lot of projector bulbs in the school that are flashing a warning saying they are approaching the end of their life and will need to be replaced soon.
 - Also have a couple of projectors in the Elementary that will need to be replaced.
 - Wanting new computer bags to replace some of broken Middle School and High School bags.
 - Looking to replace a few old SMART boards in the HS & MS classrooms with the touch screen TVs similar to the ones we already have.
 - I have on the budget two different item lines for Chromebooks. The set of 50 are to replace the very old computers in the two Elementary laptop carts.
 - The set of 60 are under the mindset to be proactive in replacing the current Middle School laptops. The current laptops have been holding up, but the battery life has become one of the big issues. This plan would allow us to gradually purchase new computers each year for a grade level instead of having to pay for all new computers for all 6-8 students in one year.
- We have gotten all of the digital copies for all the EPJ Senior Composites from 1995 to current. We have also received digital copies of all of Elk Point Senior composites thanks to Patty Skinner. We are in the process of getting all of Jefferson's Senior composites thanks to Joe Rarrat.
- Students will be turning in their laptops this week and I will be sending in any ones that need repair or replaced to RTI by the end of the month.
- Working with AI to finish the end of the "South Dakota Year End Signoff for 2017-2018 Accountability/School Performance Index." We should have this finished after school is out. It is due by June 8th.
- I will be switching offices this summer to move to a more centralized location for both High School and Middle School students.