

**Orchard Middle School
Technology Committee Minutes
November 13, 2007**

Present: Paul Appel, Dan Myers, Terry Anderberg, Don Johnson, Tom Hackenmiller, Ron Brown

1. Review and approval minutes

2. Update on eMac's in library....
 - a. All but 3 of the district ones are in place, those 3 are being repaired by Craig Stewart.
 - b. Classroom eMacs will be placed in the lab within a couple weeks.
 - c. Extra eMacs from the classrooms will be shifted to the library.
 - d. Feedback: Huge speed increase in Maps and other software.

3. Distribution of iMacs from library to classrooms
 - a. Litrell's are done
 - b. New switch being installed in the 300 wing to outfit Merriman's class and other 300 wing teachers. Once this is done they can start to be put into place.
 - c. Ron suggested that Paul get them physically set up and ready for when the network is in place.

4. Use of the mobile cart
 - a. Advertise the cart's uses so that it gets used more regularly.
 - b. Dan is going send an email about it again along with the electronic booking system.
 - c. If it goes underutilized we will discuss doing something else with them? House it somewhere? Break it up?

5. Check on Epson 83c projectors and others to make sure they are on economy mode. This will gain 1000+ hours from the bulbs.

6. Current tech budget

7. Tech levy fund request from Lynn Love for a snowball microphone:
 - a. Blue Microphone Snowball for Education

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- b. Approved
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- 8. Tech levy fund request from Pam DePersio for a wireless mouse and she would also like to have an additional internet outlet activated in room 106. With the addition of a lap top computer, she would like to be able to use the laptop at the center of the room with internet access.
 - a. Kensington Si670m Bluetooth Wireless Notebook Mouse
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 - b. We found her a wireless mouse to use.
 - c. Talk to her about what the use of the jack will be. Paul will check on this.
 - 9. Don will research pricing on a UPS compatible with Mac server for battery backup and shutdown of the servers.
 - 10. For next time..... what to spend money on be thinking about projects and school initiatives that could be supported using technology dollars.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00