

OMS Tech Committee Meeting
3/11/08

Present: Dan Myers, Paul Appel, Don Johnson, Tom Hackenmiller, Julee Accardo, Bill Eagle, Ron Brown

- 1. Tech Plan:** Reviewed this year's Tech Plan. Ron will bring data to next meeting to see if we've met our goals. Recognized the need to schedule training time for staff to share tech maintenance, new technologies, etc. Suggested these dates be put on the calendar in advance next year. We may schedule one meeting in May to cover some year-end items.

With all of the laptops in the building, it is necessary to teach staff how to care for them and let them know what students should be taught as well (i.e., battery maintenance, cleaning the monitor and keys, not carrying the laptop when it is open, etc.).

Spent some time discussing the maintenance of laptop batteries. If batteries are not properly maintained, their life is shortened. If a battery dies due to lack of maintenance, it would be the building's responsibility to purchase a replacement, which would probably come out of the teacher's budget. Properly maintained batteries would be replaced by the district as regular wear-and-tear. Ron also shared he has a website with guidelines to the care of district laptops:
<http://prodev.wsd.wednet.edu/topics/portables/laptop.html>.

- 2. Refresh:** Discussed how the computers we get through the refresh are determined. OSPI mandates what the standards are, and the district technology plan defines what we will purchase to meet those standards. If we do not meet OSPI's standards, we are found out of compliance and lose funding. One of the goals of the district plan is to have every teacher have a laptop. This would allow professional development meetings to require staff bring their laptops to share data, etc.

Question was asked if there was an option for a teacher to have a desktop rather than a laptop. The answer is no, but if it is deemed necessary for someone to have modifications to allow them to do their work, these could be purchased through building funds. There may need to be further discussion on this topic.

- 3. Next meeting** – April 15, 2008.