

iPAD Technology Committee Meeting

January 31, 2013

Learning Center

*15 members were in attendance

*First question that was asked of the students present: "As students, what would you be comfortable with in a 'new' classroom?" Students stated they would like iPad's, Mac Computers, Higher level of technology.....they are tired of white boards and teachers lecturing.

*Teachers were asked: "What would you like to see in a classroom?" Teachers stated they want the ability to unblock websites so students will have access. They feel that having to go through technology to unblock websites takes too much time. Teachers want less restricted web filtering. Teachers also want resources available in their classrooms (like extra projector bulbs). Teachers want every student to have their own iPad. Teachers want up-to-date technology.

* Dr. Seals asked teachers if they would mind the idea of students using iPad's to record them giving a lesson so they can review it later. The teachers present said they would not mind at all.

*A video on McAllen ISD and their iPad initiative was viewed.

*Everyone agreed that in order for the iPad initiative to work teachers MUST feel comfortable. They must have sufficient professional development.

*The teachers present at tonight's meeting will go back to their campus and will get a "feel" as to how their co-workers feel about having iPad's in their classrooms.

*As a committee it was discussed that we need a PLAN as to how we will prepare teachers, students, and parents. There has to be a way to gage the results of the

iPad initiative....possibly using survey's. Everyone agreed that going by test scores is NOT a good way to measure the success of the iPad's.

*Other questions that were raised:

What will professional development from outside of the district cost?

Do we do a pilot training program?

Should we give to only teachers first?

What sort of training will substitutes have to be given?

What if parents refuse to pay for insurance?

*The iPad Technology Committee decided to go out and get opinions from their co-workers and from the community and will come back on February 11th with information to share.