eSchool Community Council Minutes

Wednesday February 17, 2016

1. Welcome & Overview of today's agenda: Whitney Houlin.
2. Present: Whitney, Brad, Megan, Martell, Brooklyn, Christel.
   a. Absent: Traci, Kyle.
   b. Session is being recorded as suggested by Martell.
3. Matt Bowman, founder of My Tech High, presented information on Mobile Maker Space.
   a. A space (building, trailer, etc.) that allows people to build their inventions/innovations.
   b. In the news: Mattel is making $300 3D printer for making toys.
      i. Focus on building customized items.
   c. Powerpoint, "Mobile Makerspace" that was distributed to council members.
      i. Video of TechShop example.
      ii. List of tools, sets, art, machines, etc. to get started.
      iii. Would require training and safety, supervision.
      iv. Start small and safe and build from there.
      v. Estimated costs about $70,000.
   d. eSchool vision would be to make a mobile version, like TechShop did.
   e. Council members like the idea, recognize it would take time and figuring out lots of logistics.
   f. Brad brought up concern that everything that we use Trustlands funds for must show student improvement. We would need curriculum to accompany projects and a way to show progress.
      i. MTH already has curriculum for 3D printing and other courses that would pretty easily be able to add projects.
      ii. Brooklynn said it wouldn't be hard to have students fill out (among other possibilities) a scientific process-style form. This is an obvious way to show growth and for students to recognize that growth.
4. Review of minutes from last meeting: Megan Dunnigan.
   a. No edits needed. Minutes approved.
5. Where we are in implementing this year's plan.
   a. Separate survey from other assessment information; only send assessment information now.
   b. Whitney has teacher information for each program. We'll include only the teacher for the program to whom the email is sent.
   c. Privacy information: Christel found that each company said they follow FERPA, which changed in 2009 to say it's a best practice and not mandatory. The e-mail can include a statement that says, "We encourage you to do your own research regarding each program's data security."
      i. Creating accounts in the programs is up to the parents, whether or not they use the child's full name or an alternate/pseudonym.

ii. Since right now our area's representative, Jason Chaffetz, is holding hearings against the Department of Education, which received an F in student data security, we would be wise not to tell parents that these assessments are safe.

    d. Members agreed to use Traci's e-mail draft that she e-mailed to council members.

    e. Send out e-mail on Monday, February 22, 2016. Megan will send emails out: eSchool via Parentlink; Harmony via Jon Funes; MTH via Matt Bowman.

    f. First follow-up with parents for feedback after spring break, which is the second week of April. Second follow-up will be just before school is out in May.

6. Send parent survey out first week of March.

    a. Make change to Question 2 to say Learning Coach instead of "homeschool teacher."

    b. Megan will put survey into Google Forms and send to Matt (MTH) and Jon (Harmony).

7. We don't feel the need for a meeting in March. In April we'll talk about efficacy of assessment programs and next year's school improvement plan.

8. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

9. Recap of assignments:

    a. Whitney will add FERPA paragraph and send email to Megan.

    b. Megan will send out e-mails.

    c. Megan will create Google form survey first week of March.