

Agenda Item Details

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Category 3. Administrative Reports

Subject 3.6 IT Systems Administrator Report

Type Reports

Summer projects are now in progress.

- We replaced the access points for our wireless network at the Bayfield School. We still have a few more that we will be adding, but the networks is up and running
- We are in the process of upgrading and replacing computers running Windows 10, which will be end-of-life in October.
- We have ordered one replacement server for our Windows domain and print services. Our other servers running Linux will be replaced in the future, by either physical computers or virtual devices. We are currently testing an open source solution to host virtual servers.
- Our E-rate orders have been placed for the new firewall and wireless access points for LaPointe School. We will have to configure them and install them as we are able.
- We will be replacing a number of our interactive whiteboards with new interactive displays. We have 10-12 on the list, but will probably only replace 4-6 this year. We are also doing other standard equipment rotations. Due to budgetary constraints, and longer equipment life, we currently replace technology roughly every 6+ years. This includes computers, printers, projectors, and network equipment. We keep it for longer, if possible.
- We will make sure everything is updated and ready as we prepare for the new school year.
- We will also need to replace our point of sale (POS) computers for food service at both Bayfield and LaPointe Schools, as part of our Windows 10 replacements.

One additional thing has come up as part of the changes being made at the federal level. I am a member of MS-ISAC (Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center). This membership used to be free, but funding cuts at the federal level mean that we will need to pay for membership, starting this fall. We are looking into what this means for us. Pricing will likely be around \$1500/year, depending on decisions made at the federal and state level.

Respectfully submitted,

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