District Initiative

Goal: To equip each student with technology skills, critical thinking skills and other 21st century skills through each teacher in the district becoming part of the Technology Initiative and integrating technology across the curriculum.

Year One

Form a district wide committee—BOE member, Tech Savvy Teacher from each school, Treasurer, Principal or Assistant Principal from each school, Curriculum Coordinators from primary/secondary areas and any technology staff currently employed.

- **Goal:** To plan out technology initiative: funding, staffing, implementation plan.

Year Two

Put into place the following personnel: District Technology Coordinator-ITEC Master's Prepared, E-Coaches (Information Brokers)—Teachers that are tech savvy and are willing to commit time—one from each building, and identified staff (4-5) from each building to be part of the pilot program. E-coaches can be paid a stipend and/or be relieved of 'daily duty'. Summer training of E-Coaches.

- **Goal:** Technology Coordinator and E-Coaches will be trained and set up pilot program.
- **Goal:** Technology Initiative will train each pilot teacher (during mandatory monthly 2 hour meetings) in the district on:
  1. Equipment-Tablet Computer, LCD projector, scanner, and digital camera (Each pilot member will receive that equipment through the district)
  2. Using Moodle—Course Management System
  3. Reading research articles--that will be the base of integrating technology knowledge
  4. Basic Technology skills and software
  5. Integrating technology into content areas
- **Goal:** Each pilot program member at the end of the year will present to the group one technology project that they integrated into their classroom over the course of the program.

Year Three

Evaluate pilot program with initial group and make changes accordingly. Highlights presented to BOE and community of pilot program first year results. E-coaches will continue to offer support to year one cadre members. Next group of 5-10 staff members selected for second cadre of Technology Initiative.
During this year bring in renowned speakers in the area of technology and technology integration (Steve Hagadon, Marc Prensky, Chip Ingram etc). Send E-Coaches to outside training. Have E-Coaches offer summer technology workshops to district staff.

Year Five

- **Goal:** To have over 80% of all staff enrolled in the Technology Initiative. Evaluating yearly the previous staff integration of technology.

E-coaches--developing models, best practices, and projects using the Tablets and wireless projectors so teachers will move to more constructivist teaching methods.

Online Coaching and Mentoring
Presented by Barbara Bray

Tech Forum Seattle November 2006 – Breakout Session
Encouraging Collaboration within District
Develop coaching program for nine schools
☐ Train coaches for each school
☐ Develop goals for program
☐ Set up teams for each school
☐ Provide Tablet PCs/Wireless Projects for teachers
☐ Create model projects and student examples
Example: Forest Hills School District, Ohio started a one-to-one Tablet PC initiative and developed a coaching program at each of the nine schools. There are one to two certified eCoaches who are developing models, best practices, and projects using the Tablets and wireless projectors so teachers will move to more constructivist teaching methods.