

Pandemic Operations Technology Committee

August 26 Agenda and Notes

Present: Charlie Gerke, Matt Mitchell, Mark Meier, Chad Busarow, Cerissa Harper, Ken Berger, Jessica Harper, Jennifer Lynn

1. **Canvas update** – Canvas has been synched and the tech crew is completing the integration process. This will include making sure that all students have a single sign on for both their O365 and their Google drive accounts. Matt reported that he is looking into the issues associated with Canvas phone app. Cerissa asked what the back-up plan is if Canvas goes down: response is to do determine what prompted to “outage” and to do whatever we can to get it back up as soon as possible. Teachers requested that Google assignments be enabled within Canvas so that existing assignments can be imported.
2. **Videoconferencing decision** – Teams and Google Meets will both be enabled within Canvas. Dr. Bailey is encouraging District personnel to shift to teams for upcoming meetings to gain experience with this platform. Due to cost issues (only the enhanced version of Zoom can be integrated into Canvas) Zoom will not be enabled within Canvas, but for the time being it can still be used.
3. **Procurement updates** – The MSD Business Office confirmed that we are on the “wait list” for shipping during the last week of September for the IPEVO cameras.
4. **Other** – The tech crew reported that they are establishing “BYOD” wifi networks for students and teachers who need or prefer to use their own devices while at school. BYODteacher and BYODstudent will have enhanced capabilities from the current MSDGuest network. Each will also require a common password (same password for every user) to prevent outside users from jumping on and compromising our bandwidth. Charlie is still collecting names and addresses of families currently without internet. The plan is to let them know where they can find the best public wifi access and any special offers being provided by local providers.
5. **Next meeting** - Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 9.2.2020 at 10 a.m. via MS Teams.