

Pandemic Operations Technology Committee

October 21 Agenda and [Notes](#)

Present: Charlie Gerke, Matt Mitchell, Mark Meier, Cerissa Harper, Jennifer Lynn, Jessica Harper, Zack Wnek

1. Parent perspective – updates: Cerissa reported that parents are still finding a lot of variation in how things are being done. There is ongoing struggle getting things to work at home, but it has been getting better. Zack reported that the online activities for his kindergarten and 1st grade children has worked decently.
2. The group reviewed the Strong Families, Strong Schools initiative and process for application
3. Teacher perspective: Teachers requested and reflected that it is very helpful for them to have ongoing communication with parents so that they understand the experience from student/family perspective. Syncing grades between Canvas and Powerschool continues to be difficult. MMS staff reported that they are considering turning off Powerschool for parents and students.
4. Recent staff training feedback (Teams and Studio): Teams training was not what we wanted or expected. The Tech crew reviewed the feedback with the Teams trainers. The Studio training went well.
5. Blended Learning Grant (BLG) status: The BLG application has been approved. The Tech Department will work with the Business Office to process equipment orders.
6. District tech inventory; funding availability and purchase plan – student and staff devices: Charlie reviewed the various funding sources. The goal remains to make sure that every student and staff member is set up to learn, teach and work remotely. A survey will be sent to District certified staff to get an idea of device needs and preferences.
7. Next meeting will be held on November 18 via Teams.