

TUSD Technology Oversight Committee
MEMORANDUM
August 1, 2013

To: TUSD Governing Board
From: TUSD Technology Oversight Committee

CC: Dr. H.T. Sanchez
Mary Alice Wallace
Technology Oversight Committee
Re: Annual Report to the Governing Board from the Technology Oversight Committee

1. Committee Attendance. We continue to meet on normally on the third Tuesday of every month from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Two Governing Board members serve as non-voting members of the TOC, and have attended many of our meetings over the past year. We have operated as a full Committee for most of the past year. The ability to have the experience of nine individuals has enhanced the effectiveness of the Committee. Recently, several members have reached end of term, and these positions are in the process of being filled. The Committee appreciates the regular attendance of the District CIO. During the past year attendance by John Gay, as well as members of his team, have made our meetings much more productive. We plan to continue this close working relationship with Adele Edwards the interim CIO.
2. IT Modernization Initiative. We continue to be extremely involved in the IT Modernization Initiative. This involvement started with the inclusion of both Harry McGregor and Ashton Bergstrand in the original RFP review process and has included monthly updates regarding the progress of the implementation. The TOC feels quite strongly that this initiative, especially the wide area network improvements, are critical to the district's ability to succeed and are at least a decade over due.
3. End User Device Life Cycle. During the past year and a half the TOC has been involved in the discussions related to the development of an End User Device Life Cycle plan, which lead to the procurement of a large number of replacement laptop and desktop computers in order to implement a standard 5 year life cycle through a 5 year lease agreement. This lease agreement and life cycle sets the district on a path that will prevent the issues related to extremely old end user devices being in use long past their supportable life from impacting the district. The TOC pushed for a "mini-bid" type process be used, which resulted in significant financial savings for the district vs purely following state contract.
4. Educational software procurement processes. During this past year an issue came up related to the procurement/renewal of reading software that neither Technology Services nor the TOC were involved with until after an agreement was reached with the vendor. The TOC brought up certain concerns regarding the quoting and sizing of this outsourced environment and these concerns were reviewed, and addressed by both Finance and the CIO. The CIO committed to ensuring that TUSD Technology Services be more involved in these types of procurements and that the TOC be brought into the process earlier.

We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have at an upcoming Governing Board meeting, by phone (520-661-7875) or email (hmcgregor@biggeeks.org). Copies of our meeting minutes are also available for both your review and public consumption on the TOC website:
<http://www.tusd1.org/contents/distinfo/tac/index.asp>