Technology Oversight Committee

2018 Governing Board Update

Who I am

- Duncan X Simpson

- Chair, Technology Oversight Committee

- IT Professional

    - IBM Product Field Engineer

    - Systems and Network Administrator for Goldblatt Systems

Who we are

- Community and Student members

  - Appointed by the governing board for the purpose of advising the district on technology purchases

- More recently, as core IT functionality has stabilized, we have been able to explore additional focuses within the IT/Educational Technology realm.

Past Year

- Overall, the past year has been successful for technology within TUSD.

- The technology department seamlessly transitioned leadership, as did the TOC itself

- Multiple large technology purchases were brought to the TOC, and the procurement processes were conducted very cleanly.

  - Tablets for educational applications in K-3 classrooms

  - E-Rate site-level network upgrades

Spring Retreat

- The TOC received an update on the Teacher Technology Liaison (TTL) program

- Looked at statistical information regarding the status of technology and technology adoption in the district and reviewed the Technology Condition Index (TCI)

- Discussed the technology section of the Unitary Status Plan (USP)

Moving Forward

- We asked to have the opportunity to review the TCI and other technology updates in the future before they are presented to the special master, and that TUSD Technology Services is collaborating with the TOC on this request.

- Based on the stellar track record of RFP and purchase decisions, the committee as a whole is reducing the amount of time spent during each meeting on these processes.

- The TOC will continue to be involved in the RFP process – members are able to serve as an advisor on RFP committees and both Technology Services and TOC members will provide updates to the TOC as a whole.

Moving Forward

- The TOC is working to provide TUSD Technology Services with community and industry insights into project rollout and planning even after the procurement phase is completed.

- Meeting agendas are being adjusted, prioritizing items to reduce the amount of Technology Services staff time during the TOC meetings.

- We look forward to another year of helping the district improve students' education through technology.