KiMS BP Committee/District Meeting

11/9/16, LWSD Resource Center

In attendance:
LWSD- Jon Holmen, Rick Burden, Sally Askman, Shannon Parthemer
PTSA Advocacy- Erika Kapur
KiMS- Janis Rabuchin, Erin Hofmann, Ales Holecek

Everyone intro'd
- Janis reviewed challenge of heavy backpacks and history that got us to this point
  - also a concern for other schools in the district, let's be leaders in finding a solution
    - Dr. Pierce supports AOTA stance that backpacks should not weigh more than 10-15% of a student's bodyweight
  - KiMS currently has 92% of student body that does NOT meet this criteria
  - heaviest sources of weight: netbook , paper, personal belongings (lunch/coat)
- Erika commended unique working relationship b/w school and district on this effort

Sally reviewed her mission/org
- Started in July 2012, MS then consulting then district
- 1:1 decision made prior to that
- Forecasts levy spending, instr sw, biz systems, etc
- District thinly staffed- 50 total support people
- Working on new wireless network and voice system
- Process is standardized for efficiency in service with goals such as equity/accessibility
- 20K devices for secondary/elem
- 20 support people out/about, 6 helpdesk people
- 5K tickets/mo
- Teacher- single interface
- 4 yr leby cycle budget
- $5M/yr spent on student devices
- RFI process now for staff computers
- HP. No more Lenovos. Focus on: avail parts, local service, safe/secure/compliant, rugged/durable
- Current HP one pound lighter than last years- 3.6lbs?
  - note my son's weighs 4 lbs 4 oz (6th grader). My daughters' (8th grade) Lenovos are lighter than the HP
- Yes teachers/students already have tools available to use online planners
  - Rick will chat with Debbie about this
- Every spring select devices for next year for grades 6 and 9.
- Students keep same device, take better care of them this way
- Device $597, power cords $40/ea
- For every 1000 devices there are approx 32 loaners available
- Updates need to happen onsite with current model
- 'Not a browser based world.' Why not cloud? Training/enabling teachers

Briefly discussed overlap of paper/technology and how paper still needs to exist: esp writing and math, learning studies have proven. Backpack committee continuing to also work on reduction of paper/duplication.
Extra weight is also in the extended battery pack on the HP's
Staff has voiced productivity issues, they sometimes make 2 lesson plans, netbooks take a long time to boot up/update

Erin may have an opportunity for us to pilot Surface 4's at KiMS- donation of 1600? Noted that this would require some research on donation rules, support model, specs, implementation, etc.

Can KiMS pilot a solution such as the 'workstation' model?
- Identify heavy-use netbook classes and keep netbooks on those desks so kids don't have to carry
- May need to link desks/netbooks/kids to minimize the number of logins on one machine
- Need to look into power requirements, Ales: power should work all school-day
- Even a pilot for one class introduces complexity- many parts of district org, union contract, cost neutral
- Sally: feasibility is 30-45 day process
- Could Microsoft donate people hours to support a pilot?
  - Jon will check with Janene to see if bandwidth exists to consider this type of pilot

Rick will get our next meeting scheduled for Dec before break