OCSD Okaloosa County School District

This Week in MIS & Technology

Congratulations to Duscha Ross and her promotion to Program Director of MIS! She will be filling Ryan Gore's place here at Carver-Hill. Those are big shoes to fill, but she will do a great job! This transition is a good time to discuss transitions around the district, and how that relates to the technology needed for new positions. If you are a teacher and you have officially transferred to a new school, you can take your current computer with you. If you are transferring from a teaching role to an administrative one, you have the option of taking your computer with you or accepting the one that should already be in place. If you are non-instructional, your computer stays put and another one should be waiting for you at your new position. If you are leaving the district for whatever reason, you should turn in your computer to your immediate supervisor before you leave. If you have questions about any of this, contact the office of Seat Management. Eric Mitchell

Seat Management

This week in Seat Management, we worked with CHOICE to discuss network seat options that may work for them at some of their sites. This option would allow the CHOICE students to work on their computers themselves and complete all repairs in the classroom as needed. L3 would provide the students with network connectivity and virus protection. In other news, we are busy helping schools set up computers needed for new hires and transfers. As part of a state grant, our Network Team is gearing up to install several new switches at most of our school sites within the district. Those sites will notice less network outages.

Data Processing

This week in Data Processing, we processed a few more budget amendment runs for Finance to clean up the data in fiscal year 2014 in preparation for adopting the budget for fiscal year 2015. We also worked with MIS on processing Surveys 4 and 1 and WDIS Survey S. Programming Services also closed down both GRADES and the Parent Portal for their annual archive and program maintenance process. GRADES will be available again on August 11, and the Parent Portal will be available on August 25.

Mobile Learning

This week Mobile Learning researched and tested state testing apps that were developed specifically for the iPad. While initially we were concerned about the security and usability of these apps, we have been pleasantly surprised with their simple design and ease of use.

We completed the initial setup and deployment of about 100 new iPad Airs and have another 100 inbound. We pushed out about 800 total apps to the new devices as well.

We also had the pleasure of testing Apple's automatic recovery (no disk needed) for a MacBook Pro that we intentionally crashed (for proof of concept testing). The MacBook recovery was flawless although it did take about 5 hours for it to completely repair itself, including bringing back user files and apps.

MIS

We are preparing to roll students Monday night for SY 2015 with the help of Data Processing. Schools need to change their control cards for scheduler form "A" – admitted to "E" – enrolled. Also, high schools now have the information to begin entering the AP, IB and AICE Supplemental FTE Information.

Survey 4 has been reported to DOE. We are in the process of making corrections and preparing that data for resubmission.

WDIS Survey S has been reported to DOE. We are in the process of making corrections and preparing that data for resubmission.

Survey 1 has been captured. We are in the process of making corrections and preparing that data for submission.