

Information and Communications Technology

Responses:

- ***Technology in the classroom***

- “technology in the classroom” is expensive and hardware/software can quickly become obsolete; we must have up to date equipment and software; perhaps focus more on improved connections and maintenance rather than the frequent replacement and equipment upgrades
- Technology in the classroom is vital, but needs to be balanced with face-to-face interactions, hands on and with nature
- Every child should have access to support with technology (computers, video, photo, audio), but this is not vital.
- In order to keep education programs relevant, technology in the classroom and needed infrastructure should not be compromised.
- Eliminate general labs and move to laptops; possibly sharing the costs of laptops between parents and the school district
- Increase technological instruction to help reduce and save paper costs
- Move to all wireless schools on a campus wide or municipality wide basis
- All tech support for learning is value added.
- Increase the use of Macintosh Computers to reduce maintenance costs
- The ICT infrastructure (computers, servers, networks) is the backbone of our communication system throughout the school district and needs to be supported and expanded.

- ***Distributed Learning***

- Distributed learning is a wonderful tool for some students – it changes their lives, continue to grow until it becomes profitable.
- Deliver more specialty programs this way to generate revenue from students outside the district, just as is done now for international students.
- We have a new Internet generation; this growing trend is important to continue to provide
- Balance distributed learning with face to face interaction to ensure that people come together socially to learn and to create.
- Increase and advertise the Distributed Learning option for students in and outside our school district; increase Distance Learning opportunities – grades 8,9,10
- Distributed Learning is offered by other districts; we don't need to duplicate something that is available elsewhere

- ***Other suggestions***

- Support provided to classroom teachers and schools through the current team is strong and needs to be continued to address this ever-increasing demand