

Future of Technology - Opportunities & Directions

Questions from 3/30 Work
Session - Part II



State College Area School District



Demonstrate achievement/ learning enhancement

- Technology initiative driven/directed by feedback from teachers
- Difficult to "prove" without controlled scientific experiment
- Created a culture of technology use without a mandate
- Teacher testimonials - see Technology Initiatives website



Hiring process use of technology competency

- Development of technology competency profiles by position
 - Assess competency during hiring
 - Establish competency expectations during hiring
- Leadership from Central Office & implementation by Supervisors



Tracking teacher adoption of interactive approach

- Statistical monitoring of systems use:
 - SCoodle >500 courses, 10K users
 - Google docs >10K docs, 20K users
 - ePortfolio
 - IITT adoption
- Teacher testimonials
- Evaluation process
- Staff Development - sharing



Formal feedback from students & employees

- Start process post-endorsement as part of the communications plan
- Process and audiences to be identified through HS and MS planning sessions
- Suggest using meetings, surveys, online forums, etc. for idea-sharing, discussion and feedback



Addressing faculty concerns about Anytime/Anywhere

- Collected comments, questions and concerns from faculty
- Communications plan will start to address issues and provide additional opportunity for feedback
- Positive change: clear expectations, staff development, continuous support



Reactions to Budget Discussions

- District has not prioritized technology over staff - even in pursuit of 1:1
- Source of all technology funding:
 - new funds
 - consolidated equipment funds
- #1 request from faculty and admins to me is for more technology



Reminder

- We need endorsement on I.A.1-I.A.5 and I.E.1 (virtual academy) by 4/30/11 to meet deadlines
- Components of bids (following agenda item) are intertwined with Anytime/ Anywhere SY11-12 implementation

Questions & Discussion



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