

**Agenda Item Details**

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Summer is a busy time for the tech department. Stevie and I have both taken some time off for much needed vacations, and we have been working on getting the network and devices ready for the new school year.

The new website is up and running. While we are still refining some details, it looks great, and it's nice to have a website that is designed for mobile devices as well as computers.

We had a recycling pickup last week to move out our retired technology items and clear up some space in our offices, server closets, and storage spaces.

Supply chain issues continue to be a problem. Backorders and delays for tech equipment are the norm. For some items we are purchasing whatever is available, for other items, we are simply waiting. This may be an issue with supplying computers for the new staff members. The backup plan is to issue Chromebooks until the computers are available.

We are working on updates now. All of our student and staff devices are being updated to get them ready for the new year. High school students will be checking out Chromebooks for a 1:1 deployment. The current plan is for middle and elementary school students to be use classroom sets of Chromebooks as they have in previous years.

Other summer projects:

- I have some network devices replacements in progress. Our web content filter was replaced due a faulty network card, and I am upgrading our firewall. I hope to have both appliances in place and running by the beginning of school.
- The construction at school has created some projects as well, so we had some network wiring done, and I will be working with a vendor to have electronic door access added to the admin office doors. We have also been helping staff set up technology as many offices are moving.
- I am working with our paging vendor to resolve some ongoing issues with our paging system, as well as adding speakers to new locations.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Plansky, IT System Administrator

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