

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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South Anchorage High School
Technology Committee Meeting
January 26, 2004

On January 26th, the Technology Committee met. The Technology Coordinator, Pete Tryon, reported on the results of the survey conducted since the last meeting. With approximately 75% of the teachers responding, the results were as follows:

- 1) The choice for Macintosh vs. Windows PC individual teacher workstation was approximately equal, with excellent reasons given for each platform.
- 2) A majority of teachers selected desktop workstations, although a number showed specific need of a laptop.
- 3) A variety of locations and styles of projector setup were suggested.
- 4) Loaner lab platforms requested included all Mac, all Windows, and a mix of each. Excellent reasons were given for each choice.
- 5) Specialized computer needs included yearbook, newspaper, economics, science labs, streaming video, music, English composition, world languages, CAD/Technology, and keyboarding. Specialized hardware mentioned included Smartboards and overhead projectors with additional features.

Discussion of these five issues concluded:

- 1) SAHS will buy teacher workstations in a ratio of approximately 50% Macintosh and 50% Windows PC and support both.
- 2) Desktops will be the standard teacher computer, but a number of laptops will be bought and made available to the teachers with specialized needs.
- 3) Given the constraints of wiring and furniture, as many options as practicable will be made available to teachers for the placement of computers and overheads in the classrooms.
- 4) There will be two Windows PC loaner labs and two Macintosh.
- 5) Planning and budgeting will continue for the specialized needs. Final decisions will be made as the budget becomes more detailed.

The Technology Coordinator will continue work on identifying the features of the generic student and teacher computers, and the computer contents of the teacher workroom, both hardware and software.

The initial outline of the generic teacher classroom workstation includes the following:

A desktop computer, either Macintosh or Windows PC (Dell)

17" monitor

CD writer

Microsoft Office

EZ Grade Pro

Overhead projector wired to both the computer and an independent DVD/VCR player.

Flash drive

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for February 12th, at the South Anchorage High School Project Office from 3:30-5:00pm.