

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

South Anchorage High School  
Technology Committee Meeting

February 12, 2004

On February 12th, the Technology Committee met at SAHS. The Technology Coordinator, Pete Tryon, reported on preliminary discussions on the setup of generic computers at SAHS.

It is planned that every teacher will have access to a computer in his/her classroom or workroom. Each of these computers will be connected to the school network with global access to personal student and teacher folders for data storage. It is currently thought that every classroom will have at least one computer and that several will be placed in each teacher workroom. It is also planned that four Loaner Labs will be established (2 Macintosh, 2 Dell); one for each house with 30 computers in each.

The generic computer will have  
appropriate RAM (256-512 MB)  
17" monitor  
CD writer  
Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint  
EZ Grade Pro  
Virus software  
Mac only: iLife (iMovie, etc.), Appleworks  
Dell only: Microsoft FrontPage (web page creation)

Each classroom will have one overhead projector wired to both a computer and to an independent DVD/VCR player.

After surveying staff, it is expected that Macintosh and Dell computers will be bought in equal numbers and assigned to staff to meet preferences as much as possible.

The possibility of installing professional level graphics and web page programs on the generic computers was discussed. (Adobe PhotoShop, Macromedia DreamWeaver, etc.) It was decided that these programs should be placed on specific computers only in answer to specialized needs. It is hoped that an economical graphics program, a step more sophisticated than the Desk Accessory Paint program, might be found for the Dell computers.

General agreement of this model was expressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.