

MCCPTA Technology Committee Plan of Work 2008-2009

Chair: Linda B. White

Members: We have about 5 members who have already signed up via listserv

Charter: To ensure MCPS 1) provides students (and staff) with opportunities to develop familiarity with basic, lifelong technology skills essential in both the world today and the world tomorrow, and 2) improves the learning process through the use of technology.

Advocacy Issues:

- To ensure all students have a basic computer keyboard proficiency including minimal typing skills
- To ensure all students and teachers have basic proficiency with industry-standard software applications programs (e.g., Microsoft Office - Word, Excel and Power Point - and other programs identified as essential)
- To ensure school websites follow a standardized format offering the same depth of information and content across all MCPS while allowing for individual design
- To evaluate and make recommendations for change in the technology capabilities and curriculum in Elementary, Middle and High School with the end goal being that our kids have the same resources and are as skilled as their peers from other countries
- To monitor and evaluate Pinnacle, Ed-line, Smart boards, and Black-berry's usage and effectiveness within MCPS

Action Steps:

- 1) Recruit volunteers from each cluster through MCCPTA email to PTA presidents and direct e-mailings to local PTA organizations
- 2) Contact and interview MCPS technology staff and MCPS school administration and teachers to understand current state of technology resources and capabilities in MCPS. This information will be gathered through email/web surveys conducted by committee members and/or volunteers from local PTA organizations
- 3) Assess results of surveys to guide recommendations, which may include curriculum change, technology standardization, etc.

Expenses: \$100 for refreshments