

MCCPTA Committee Update – April 2007

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The Technology Committee met with Melissa Woods and Kalani Smith Project Director and Project Manager of the Maryland Technology Literacy Standards for students that were recently accepted by the Maryland State Board of Education on February 27, 2007.

The six standards were reviewed with the team; Technology Systems, Digital Citizenship, Technology for Learning and Collaboration, Technology for Communication and Expression, Technology for Information Use and Management and Technology for Problem Solving and Decision Making.

The Maryland State Department of Education funded a grant to develop the student technology literacy standards for the state of Maryland. The consortium consists of all 24 school systems in MSDE.

Now that the standards have been approved MCPS will work on a strategy to integrate into the current curriculum as sections come up for re-writing over the next couple of years. This same team will start working on Phase II of this project which will be Technology Fluency for grades 9-12.

Of concern to our team was the length of time it was going to take to integrate these new requirements into the current curriculum and is that really the right approach?

We also discussed how to best push for Teacher certification and Professional Development given all the demands on teachers.

And then of course we have the issue of the technology funding coming out of capital and the needed lobbying with the Board of Education.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 23rd @ 7:30pm at Carver and will be our second meeting around our school website improvement taskforce.