

School Committee Report for Technology March 2010

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WES

After two rounds of using the computers labs for NWEA testing, it really has made a difference having an extra lab available at WES. The 2nd lab is signed out and used regularly, especially since it has an Interactive Whiteboard, available to all classrooms. The students are working on multi-media projects, with Bob Sprankle. I've worked with classroom teachers on using our online resources, Reading Street-reading program, digital reading books, a digital storage locker for students and a Writeonline program that has been funded with the help of Karen Ropes. Our technician, Gene, is a tremendous asset at that building and district-wide.

WJHS

The fifth graders just finished up a week of Internet Safety and Cyberbullying sessions. 100% of our students know how to keep personal information private and how to be safe on the Internet. Our Commonsense Survey we were involved in tells us that although 80% of students have been cyberbullied online, only 10% of parents are including cyberbullying in family conversations. We share monthly bulletins about Cybersafety with parents through the Friday email, so we are sharing important facts with families. Our technician, Tarik, is very knowledgeable and the project we started this year of rewarding homerooms for excellent care of their laptops, at 7th and 8th grade, has paid off with a significant drop in our repair and damage rate! An international presenter contacted me and offered to present a "free" workshop for us. Wes Fryer is presenting in New

	<p>Hampshire on April 1, and had April 2nd, open. Since it is a workshop day we are offering a workshop from 8-11:30 at WJHS, Creating and Collaborating: The Keys to 21st Century Literacy</p>
<p>WHS</p> <p>There are a couple of projects at the HS, again working with teachers and their Interactive Whiteboards. Teachers are sharing information with others.</p> <p>The netbooks we have on carts are circulating throughout the HS on a signout basis. Students do not get to take these laptops home. The technician, Jay Stelmach, has been a tremendous asset to our district. He has streamlined many technology functions and has recently added the Honeywell energy saver software to the Windows computer environment.</p>	<p>Special Services</p> <p>There are several projects that have been started with teachers and special education students using technology to assist their learning.</p> <p>I presented at the ATIA, Assistive Technology International Association, Conference in Florida with Special Educator Beth Goodwin. There were 30 people in attendance and the topic <u>WritingTools4All</u> was well received. Here is the link for the presentation.</p> <p>http://writingtools4all.pbworks.com/ATIA-2010-Orlando-Conference</p>

My photo slideshow at the meeting will illustrate the above report.

Thanks for your continued support of 21st Century Literacy Skills, our students are well prepared!