

Discussable Notes
January 31, 2017
4:00 – 4:15pm

Where: Central Office

Those Present: Christina Allen, Jon Baker, Tim Wilson, Mark Misch, Scott Mills, Kathy O'Sullivan, Ginger Butcher, Kathy Thompson, Susanne Tieman, Jill Jones, Rebecca Wells, Kaitlin Litwiller

1. NWCS RIF/Recall Procedures
 - a. The draft with changes suggested at the last Discussables meeting was distributed to the team.
 - b. Jon Baker shared that there were no necessary changes that needed to be made.
 - c. Scott shared that he will take it to the Board to approve.
2. Background Checks
 - a. Christina Allen asked if teachers could use the same background check as the one that parents complete.
 - b. Scott shared that based on state requirement, that would not be the same.
 - c. Teachers would need a comprehensive criminal history check and national sex offender registry check.
 - d. State legislature is actually now lobbying to have background checks completed every five years for every employee (classified or certified) who is in regular contact with kids.
 - e. Scott encouraged teachers to contact their legislators to share their feelings about mandating this change.
3. Technology
 - a. Scott shared a brief update about the survey that was sent out to certified staff about the future for a 1:1 device.
 - b. Scott there were some complaints that students only view the iPad gaming device instead of a learning tool.
 - c. Scott shared NWCS is investigating ways to help support teachers have control of the student devices while students are in class via Filewave or Apple Classroom.
 - d. Apple Training: Scott shared that NWCS is working to schedule a trainer from Apple to present to the middle school and high school teachers so they might better understand the powerful the iPad could be in their classroom.

- e. Scott shared that after attending the FETC in Florida last week, he highly doubts he could recommend moving away from the iPad as the 1:1 student device at this time.
- f. He shared that the decision on the device will actually go through the technology committee.

Next Discussions meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017 at 4:00 PM.