

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT UPDATE - 2017-2018

DATE: February 26, 2018

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

To keep the Commissioners informed of the Audio-Visual Department activities for the 2017-2018 school year.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

Mr. Robert Ladouceur, AV/Ed. Tech Coordinator, will be updating Commissioners in regards to the district Audio/Visual and Ed. Tech program:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action necessary, information only.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

  
Superintendent

# **ED TECH/AUDIO VISUAL MID YEAR REPORT**

## **2017-18 - BOB LADOUCEUR**

### **Ogdensburg Command Performances**

Continue managing school day performances.

- Greeted performers and prepped AV items needed for performances.
- Ran board for announcements.
- Several companies used our system for their sound this year.

### **Seaway Festival Work**

- Sound systems for parade provided and picked up.

### **Concert/Musical Season**

With the assistance of Richard Patton, I've learned much more about the soundboard in the auditorium.

- Directed sound for the drama club's performance of Annie. Prepped mics for all performers, coordinated some visual effects with our projector.
- Setup and ran sound board for district December concerts.
- Recorded performances, edited and stored performances using WeVideo (newly purchased) on our school website for viewing by anyone wanting to watch them.

### **Maintenance Agreements in Auditorium**

Negotiated 3 maintenance agreements with several vendors to maintain the systems in the auditorium.

- **Ronco** - Soundboard/amps maintenance over two days that will include 4 hours of training.
- **BMI Supplies** - Lighting system maintenance over two days that will include 4 hours of training.
- **Syracuse Scenery and Staging** - Rigging system maintenance over 1 day with updates regarding compliance.

(All maintenance agreements will be done during the months of March and April before concert season begins again.)

### **Football Field Sound System**

- Coordinated visitation of several companies to look at fixing issues with the football field sound system. Compiled various proposals for updates.

### **Audio-Visual Maintenance -**

- Worked with Bill Robbins on the repair of the speakers overhanging the bleachers in the dome.
- Continued making sure that district projectors are cleaned and bulbs are replaced as quickly as possible to lessen loss of instruction time in the classroom.
- Maintained portable sound systems in the dome (hockey), main high school gym (basketball/volleyball).
- Updated several components at Kennedy School that were defective with Bill Robbins.

### **Assistance with District Techs**

- Work cooperatively with district techs regarding maintenance.
- Maintain open lines of communication with each of them.
- Assist with help desk tickets if I can.
- Assist with management of student accounts within the Google Admin Console.

### **Audio-Visual/Ed Tech Inventory**

- A complete inventory of both audio-visual equipment and district educational technology is in process.
- Working with Ginger Tebo, SLL BOCES Librarian, and the people at OPAC to input paper inventory.

### **SMART Bonds/New Technology Update**

- Working with Mr. Kendall, our sales rep at Best Buy Education and their partner vendors to prep purchase orders for a variety of new technology for the district. Awaiting state monies to be released to us. Some of the items included in the proposal are...

- **Chromebooks** - Initial purchase of 350 to be disbursed from grades 2-7, one cart per grade level.
- **ViewSonic Panels** - Interactive panels to replace Smartboards. We currently have 4 Cleartouch panels and 1 ViewSonic panel in district. Potentially adding 15 more in this purchase, 2 of which will be fully functioning computer models for our two elementary buildings.
- Working with our rep at Best Buy has secured the most competitive pricing out of all vendors submitting quotes.

#### **Model Schools Site Administrator Meetings/BOCES Workshops**

- Receive updates from state ed on technology and testing.
- Receive training and hands on time with upcoming hardware and software.
- Valuable time with other ed techs across the region.
- Attending a visitation with technology model school, Beekmantown in March
- Attended several workshops with admins related to computerized state testing in prep for the grades 3 and 6 rollout this year.
- Attended initial planning workshop on revising current tech plan with team.

#### **New Software Technology in District**

- Purchased for this year include... the latest Smart Notebook software (version 17), Sumdog math, Keyboarding Without Tears, WeVideo, Flocabulary, Read and Write for Google

#### **Ed Tech Trainings (October and February)**

- Trained over 50 teachers in workshops.
- Worked with many individually in their classrooms... during planning periods and after school.
- Support their training when rolling out to students with in classroom teaching and assistance.
- Planning more trainings before the end of the school year

#### **Google Chrome Connections**

- Included in every training.
- Importance of using Google Chrome browser - log in and out of Chrome for students and teachers.

- Increase numbers of students across grade levels accessing Google Chrome. Students need practice.
- New software purchases attached to Chrome... only work within that browser.

### **Google Drive**

- Trained an additional 20 teachers this school year.
- Apps within Drive include Docs, Slides, Sheets, Forms, Drawings and Classroom among others.
- With teacher comfort, student login and use is increasing. More students from grades 3 and up are logging into their Drive accounts.
- Created templates for students to use in several Kennedy School classrooms.

### **Google Classroom**

- Trained an additional 15 teachers this school year. Currently have 65 users in district.
- One stop shop for students. All materials are stored in Google Drive.
- Trainings involve the basics of connecting on Classroom and using other extensions for assigned work (Kami, Read and Write for Google) and sites (Readworks, BrainPop, Flocabulary, etc.) for easy navigation.

### **Flocabulary**

- Educational video song-based site that covers a variety of subject areas. Classes can be setup within the program for sharing assignments with students.
- Easy login for teachers and students with Chrome.
- 72 teachers are currently using the program across all schools. They can use the site with the whole class or assign work to individual students.

### **BrainPop**

- Educational video/lesson based site that covers a variety of subject areas. Classes can be setup within the program for sharing assignments with students.
- Easy login for teachers and students with Chrome.

- 124 teachers are currently using BrainPop features, while 85 teachers are using BrainPop Jr. (K-2) features. They can use the site with the whole class or assign work to individual students.

### **Read and Write for Google**

- Read and Write for Google Chrome is an extension that provides comprehensive reading and writing supports for struggling readers in Google Docs and the web as well as PDFs stored in Google Drive.
- It has an easy to use toolbar that integrates seamlessly with Google Drive and the web.
- It offers text to speech, talking and picture dictionaries, word prediction, voice dictation and colored highlighters and post it notes for research and extracting information from the web and documents.
- 40 teachers, including our special education teachers and assistants, have attended training. I have worked in 10 classrooms to extend the training to their students. 15 follow-up sessions with teachers.
- Easy login for teachers and students with Chrome.

### **Kami (PDF Editor)**

- Kami allows teachers and students to annotate, markup, and collaborate on a PDF, document, or image files.
- Easy login for teachers and students with Chrome.
- Kami has been included in my Google Classroom and Drive trainings.
- I've helped several teachers digitize paper assignments to share with their students using this program.

### **Digital Resources for Reader's and Writer's Workshop**

- Readworks
- Newsela
- SeeSaw
- Library Resources

- Recently trained 12 elementary teachers using these resources. They pair nicely with Reader's and Writer's workshop.
- Easy login for teachers and students with Chrome.
- Teachers attending were able to connect their students as well.
- Teachers at grades 3 and 6 can use them to practice digital skills needed for computer based testing that will occur this year.

### **Sumdog Math**

- First year replacement for First in Math.
- Students practice skills at their established level. Students are also allowed to play against each other.
- Teachers to create assignments, assessments, challenges and competitions for their students. All material is based on the current math standards.