TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 9, 2021
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Beth Anne Carr, Dale Bondanza, Kathryn Brooks, Robert Sanders, Jennifer Harpalani, Zak K. Barbarosh, John Perez, Julio E. Gonzalez, Jeff Stanley, Janice Johnson, Raysa Lugo, Jeff Rummel, Stephanie Marsh, Matthew A. Fritzius, Maximo A. Rosario, Marc Horowitz, Sasha P. Azouth, Vincent Vinueza, Matthew S. Bradford, Richard G. Baum, Phillip H. Dunn II, Harmoni D. Clealand, Naveed A. Syed, Jason S. Greenberg, Kevin B. Williams Christopher Fuller, Michael Medina, Amanee Y. Tyson, Larissa A. Chanzes, Stephanie M. Bustillo

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order – Beth Anne Carr, TAC Chair

- Started with message from the Chair; We did not meet physical quorum, so this is automatically an "informational meeting" only.
- Phil made a few comments about school opening and IT.
- Dale mentioned that all board members appointed their committee representatives. We still have everyone from last year as we move forward.

2. Business before the Committee

- **HB149 overview (Maximo Rosario)**

    Max uploaded presentation HB 149 Video Cameras in Public Classroom. Pilot program started July 1, 2021. Broward County Schools is the ONLY schools in the state to start this pilot program. Camera installation must capture entire classroom as well as audio and video functionality. Applies to students in K-12; not Pre-K students. Schools must monitor the devices to make sure it is functional and there is no drop.

    This is a three-year pilot program. School must inform all parents and students in the classroom of the initial recording. There will be signage placed all around in visible areas in the room where the camera is placed. The parent can also ask to terminate the camera. Once the camera is installed, only one parent can request to have it deactivated. However, if another parent has already asked to keep it on for that same classroom, it'll stay on. There is also additional links available for more resources. There are links available on the BCPS website (Office of Academics)

    Question: (John Perez) – not clear on the criteria for self-contained classroom requirement. Max stated what is a self-contained classroom. It applies only to the classroom where the student is going to spend most of their time. The security cameras we have today are not in the classroom. They're only in the common areas such as the cafeteria and hallways.

    At least every school is ready to meet this request with one camera in a classroom (241 schools). Reporting and viewing of certain incidents require other departments to protect the right of other students. Redacting and editing the video will require efforts from BEACON. We did not volunteer for this program.

Dale further added clarification regarding if a principal pulls a video. Refers to the ELS students. It is an unfunded mandated from Tallahassee. We are the only county in the state of Florida that this applies to.

Question: (Beth Anne Carr) Is it a live feed? Max responded it is a recording that goes back to 30 days. It is a live feed when it is recording, but it is not going out to any other sources to view it live.

Question: (Beth Anne Carr) Can we raise the issue that this is a financial burden to schools without funding? Max responded we are waiting for Dan Gohl to get back to us with legislative updates.

This is a 3-year pilot program with an estimated cost of $5 Million to execute including BEACON costs. The Academic Workshop for this item is scheduled for August 24.

Question: (Beth Anne Carr) What is the penalty for not complying? Dale said the state can hold funding over our head. Beth Ann requested that we be updated in future meetings regarding this pilot program.

- **Student Information System Update (Jeff Stanley)**

  Jeff introduced himself and discussed the process of replacing SIS. We have an RFP produced by Gartner. We are hoping to get the RFP out by the end of the month to the vendors. This is a 18-36 month process to replace TERMS, the current student information system.

  Questions: None

- **Helix Remedy Update (Matt Bradford)**

  Training with Micro-Techs has started regarding the new Helix remedy system. We are working with other technicians by creating a cheat sheet when the system goes live. The Go-live date is scheduled for September.

  Question: (John Perez) Is helix the IT support for the teachers? How does it benefit the teachers? Matt stated that it is for teachers and for anyone in the district who has issues with IT by using this ticketing system. Matt went over the ticketing system before escalating the problem. It benefits staff by giving them an opportunity to communicate to a technician and document the incident and hold IT accountable for resolving the issues.

- **ECF – Emergency Connectivity Fund (Vince Vinueza)**

  Vince went over the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). The FCC is providing funding over 10 years to close the gap with technology due to the pandemic. It will pay for laptops, internet services (hotspots). There is cap on this program.

  Questions: None

The date for the next meeting is September 13, 2021

Meeting Adjourned: 3:30 PM