Minutes of Community Council 11/13/13

Approve October Minutes: 1st Suze Evenson 2nd Kristen Eberting

Blain Edman: guest from district on testing:
- District will provide 1 lab for every elementary school
- Every 4 years the lab will be rotated
- Larger schools: 900 students or more are given a 2nd lab
- Teachers computers come back on a 4 yr. rotation
- $40,000 to install a new computer lab
- chrome book is an option: you can get 3 chrome books for the price of a laptop – no hard drive, just a browser

Grades 3 – 11 will have a writing test starting this year

Smith: made a spread sheet to see how long it would take a student to take a test; looked at the labs they currently have; began at highest end of need. He's been buying chrome books to help with the need. Trying to offer help to every school. Going toward Google Docs. He didn't allocate all the money this year – there is some money left, after he is finished looking at the whole picture he'll look at who is in need and who squeaks the most.

We need to have more keyboarding skills.

Edman: Chrome book - has a keyboard, log in (lower grades have a harder time using it.) Log in using Google account or a Gmail. They can only email to a district email address. Lots of apps for the chrome book specifically a keyboarding practice app. Web access is filtered. One difference – 1st and 2nd grade cannot log in to them.

Mac Mini with an HP screen and keyboard: about $750. It would be approximately less than a $100 to repurpose a computer in an existing lab.

What is the difference in the chrome book? Most of the storage will be in the cloud. They have 30 gig of storage. Google gives that storage. It is much cheaper and portable.

How do you use google chrome book to work on writing, math,

What are the needs to be able to make the di

Chrome Book
Mini Mac
Ipad II

What are the technology

Come up with a plan on how we're going to use it and implement it in the classroom.

Is there a teacher who can train to use it?