

Greg Berning has been working on the implementation of the technology plan. Besides updating the website, the data server has been updated as well as all printers. Almost all staff computers have been updated. He is currently working on setting up the infrastructure for the wireless component. Greg is working with members of the technology committee during this process. We will need to have a wireless area in both buildings as we move toward implementation of classroom walkthroughs.

A Classroom Walkthrough is designed to support continuous improvement of teaching and learning through a seven-stage process of gathering, analyzing, and reflecting on data around classroom practice. The following are areas of focus:

Curriculum: What is the learning objective?

Instruction: What is the teacher doing?

The Learner: What are the students doing?

Classroom Environment: How does the classroom environment support learning?

The Needs of All Learners: How is the teacher responding to diverse learning needs?

Ten staff members, as well as administrators, were trained in completing a classroom walkthrough last month by Margo Shipp from the Ohio Department of Education, State Support Team Region 6. The Walkthrough seven stages include: 1) Planning with a Focus, 2) Collecting Data, 3) Analyzing Data, 4) Reflecting on the Data, 5) Identifying an Action Plan, 6) Acting on the Plan, 7) Evaluating the Action Plan. The training we received enables us to use the Teachscape software for our classroom walkthroughs. Greg Berning is working with the company to purchase and install the needed software to complete the classroom walkthrough procedures. The trained staff will be using their own smartphones and/or the IPADS that are located in the buildings. The wireless areas, one in each building is needed for the handhelds to sync with the data collection web based server. Once the data is collected the analysis, reflection and action plan creation will take place in Wednesday morning PLC meetings and at building level staff meetings. The data will be used to create building level goals related to instruction.

Mr. Gary Oldiges is interested in resurrecting the Minster Alumni Association. He has been putting in countless hours recording the years of each and every Minster High School graduate. Once his data collection is complete, he will share information and request feedback concerning the possibility of once again, an active Minster Alumni Association.

As the first semester comes to a close, a review of current programming will take place. Mr. Lee, Mrs. Keller and myself will be meeting this month to discuss needs for next school year. A summary of the discussion will be included at the February board of education meeting.