

# **Student Technology Think Tank**

## **Committee Notes No. 6**

### **October 8, 2015**

**Present: Mike Copland, Kurt Gazow, Simone Sangster, John Getchell, Tommy Lingbloom, Molly Foote, Amanda Blue, Brian Pahl**

Kurt Gazow, Executive Director of Technology, opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed the group.

Kurt spoke in regards to the data collected via survey from 21 members who responded after the Think Tank group travelled to Sammamish High, Kent and Microsoft.

Kurt and Mike Copland presented the committee with a first draft of the recommendation to Dr. Baker. This draft includes seven recommendation scenarios. There is a strong statement by the committee and research that we are moving forward with the 1:1 concept thoughtfully and well.

Mike commented that the draft recommendations are spelled out but there are place holders to add comments. Overall, the consensus of the group recommended 100% to move forward with the initiative. He asked for feedback, questions, or thoughts.

Committee members noted that it will be important to address the equity issues thoughtfully and transparently. Multiple dimensions go into that decision. Leadership at all levels, including within the schools, will also be important. Staff engagement and a commitment to training will also be key in the long-term success of this work.

The group talked about next steps and the potential cost / tax rate implications. They encouraged the school district to move as quickly as possible while also being intentional about engaging teachers, families and students, as well as integrating new technologies with what we already have (with One Note, for example). Dr. Copland and Kurt Gazow will continue to work on the recommendation and share the next draft with the committee before presenting it to Dr. Baker. He will review this team's recommendation and make a final recommendation to the school board. Members of this team will have opportunities to stay engaged in the work moving forward.

Kurt thanked the group for all their thinking and help with the process. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.