

**TAC Vision:** Each member of Everett Public Schools is engaged in rigorous learning critically important to ongoing success both within and beyond the school walls, utilizing innovative technology tools that are a part of an equitable, robust, sustainable system.

**Purpose:** Identify, coordinate, and prioritize the demands for using technology to advance student achievement and increase operational efficiency. The council works within the parameters of the district strategic plan and with other councils to optimize the district's short and long-term 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning objectives.

In attendance: Chris Bailey, Shelley Barbano, Brian Beckley, Jose Borunda, Rebecca Camp, Rebecca Dowdy, Kari Eggink, Dan Hansen, Karen Hickenbottom, Michelle Hopstad, Todd Koren, Joanne McCandless, Susan McCoard, Tavis Miller, Bernadette Nguyen, Darwin Schweitzer, Nathan Shelby, Kathryn Vafaezadeh, Tony Wentworth, Alysia White

## **Welcome & Meeting Overview**

- Reviewed Vision, purpose, and norms.

## **Artificial Intelligence (Karen Hickenbottom)**

### **o Magic School and School AI pilot and selection**

Feedback from February 26 AI Committee meeting: requesting more time to evaluate both tools. All staff given access to paid version for both tools and unlocked for students. AI Committee wanted a more scientific task to compare tools. AI challenge opened April 14 as an Asynchronous course with final feedback due May 16. Final selection to be made May 20.

- Executive Order from White House Task Force on AI Education, summary.
  - Grants for teacher training
  - AI Courses and certification programs for high school students
  - National Science Foundation to research the use of AI in education
  - AI-related apprenticeships
  - “Presidential AI Challenge” to be developed
  - Other tools available with privacy policies that do not protect our student data. Teachers and parent can access these, but they are not available to students
  - Magic School and School AI protect student data. They use a “Walled Garden” model for data
- Tool for both Magic School and School AI highlighted and compared.
  - Both have Canvas Integrations
  - Many prebuilt chatbots
  - Teacher insights and alerts into student history and attitudes with chat
  - District level analytics
  - Ongoing additions and changes

Parents and staff can set up free accounts to test out both tools.

## **Synergy Student Information System (Tavis Miller)**

### **o Training Update**

- Teacher Train the Trainer Event 75+ elementary and secondary teachers trained on TeacherVUE, gradebook, assessment and MTSS.
- SIS User Training- May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Live & Asynchronous courses
- Synergy Go Live- Mid-end of July
- Administrator Training- June 26 and July 28
- Summer Refresher Trainings
- Refresher trainings offered right before contract start dates.
- Open office hours (Teams)- End of August and first few weeks of September

- **ParentVUE (formerly HAC) and StudentVUE**– dedicated page on district website with videos and tutorials for parents and students to refer to. These will be available mid-August. Need to make sure we have staff in buildings and resources available before we make them accessible.
  - 24/7 portal access, mobile access (iOS & Android)
  - All student info in one place
  - Administrative info
  - Calendar
  - Class schedules
  - Class website access
  - Customizable alerts
  - Grades & assessment scores
- **Project timeline**
  - We have completed 6 of 8 of the data validations, working on 7 currently.
  - eSchool+ will “Go Dark” June 27<sup>th</sup> with no access to eSchool tools. Synergy will “Go Live” July 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Master schedules must be completed by June 27<sup>th</sup> to be pulled over to Synergy.
  - Parents will still be able to access online registration while we are in transition.
  - Summer School – working with College & Career Readiness/Reengagement (J. Willard). Setting up a “fake” test environment for access to attendance and grading.
  - Routing/bus transportation information will be available a few weeks before school begins allowing parent access.

## **2022 Capital Levy Projects Status Updates (Todd Koren)**

- **Lifecycle management February – May 2025**
  - ❖ Classroom Desktop Computers – May 2025
    - Purchased New Lenovo Neo 50 Q devices to replace existing Nanos (SIGNIFICANT UPGRADE).
    - Timeline pushed up to accommodate changes in pricing due to tariff uncertainty.
    - Accommodates Windows 11 necessary update coming in October.
    - Installation beginning May/June
    - Document Cameras – Ipevo VZ-Rs, compatible with Windows 11
  - ❖ District Office Desktop PCs – March/April 2025
    - Installation of new office PCs almost complete.
    - Updated to newest generation of HP 900
    - Includes CRC, School Offices, Operational Devices
  - ❖ EHS/SHS Student Laptop Replacement – Summer 2025
    - Met with students to identify device needs, pros and cons of current devices.
    - Strong emphasis on needs of battery life, retain screen size, retain digital stylus.
    - Looking at two upcoming devices from HP and Lenovo, will bring to schools to get feedback as soon as they become available.
    - Updating warranty practice to include battery swap
  - ❖ Certificated Staff Laptop Replacement- Early Fall 25
    - Surveyed Staff to identify device needs, pros and cons of current devices.
    - Similar themes to students, but requests for larger screen size.
    - Looking at some different options from Lenovo and HP w/14” screens

**\*\*ALL new devices will be on Windows 11.**

- **Infrastructure/security**
    - Infrastructure and security/safety
    - Replace network switches in Portables-Phase 1
    - Replace network Firewall
    - Emergency Operations Center updates
    - Monitoring software for classroom management to ensure students are safe and secure in their use of technology.
      - Go Guardian (ES & MS) Chromebooks
      - Class Policy (HS)
- Parent have been requesting a tool for outside of schools. The district is currently reviewing both tools as well as partnering with Linewize (district firewall) to review what options are available through them. Linewize has parameters in place that include district devices, personal devices, and cell phones.

## **2026 Capital Bond Committee update (Brian Beckley)**

- **Technology Items**
  - Data Center:
  - CRAC unit
  - Cooling equipment/piping changes
  - Flywheel UPS
  - Schools:
  - MDF and IDF refreshes
  - Fiber between the CRC, Cascade HS and Heatherwood for redundancy
  - Network access point switches
  - Secondary voice amplification
- **Bond Committee**
  - Focus: understanding district facility needs
  - Objective: paring down list of capital needs to understand critical needs and costs.
  - Site tours in person April 3: Cedarwood ES, Tambark Creek ES, Lowell ES, Cascade HS, Everett HS
  - Topics most important to families: overcrowding/capacity, safety and security, aging buildings, impact on student learning
  - What is the financial impact on families, how will tax dollars be spent, and understanding the why behind the bond
- **Upcoming Bond Committee Meetings and Community Feedback Events**
  - April 24 – Committee share out of April 3 tour observations
  - April 30 at North MS
  - May 6 at Heatherwood MS
  - May 15 – Committee to develop consensus of recommendation to superintendent

## **2025 - 26 Meeting Schedule**

- October 23, 2025 (possibly in person)
- February 5, 2026
- April 30, 2026

We value your [feedback](#) and ideas, as well as your time!

**Meeting notes:** Shelley Barbano