

Technology Coordinator
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Kajeet Hotspots – Data usage reports show that the Kajeet WiFi hotspot usage has not been very high. These are the ones that are checked out from the libraries. In both the high school and elementary school utilizations has been very low. There has been a bit more activity on the Kajeets installed on the busses.

Old Server Hardware – With help from Skyward network engineers we were able to reconfigure our old server hardware, which we replaced this past summer, into a backup role. The old hardware, which is being moved to the high school, will basically serve as a redundant, reserve platform that we can kick into action should we have any kind of failure of our main server platform at the elementary school.

Desktop/Laptop Upgrades – Looking ahead to next summer’s technology update plans: With the end of support for Windows 7 desktops later this January, we will be looking to replace all our remaining ‘office’ Windows desktops with new Windows 10 hardware. This includes desktops for secretaries and other support personnel. We will also be replacing the very old laptops in the high school library cart. These laptops will replace the last remaining computer lab at the high school, to be used for those courses or software, such as the Tech Ed’s Auto Cad software, which cannot be run on the Chromebook platform but instead requires the Windows operating system. The plan is to remove the last remaining student desktop computers from the high school lab next summer. Instead, the new laptops will remain on the cart for easy, portable access for any class or student that needs them. I was able to get some preliminary costs for Pam to use in her budget planning process.