

From the Principal

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Springer Technology Committee

The Springer Technology committee has been an advisory committee serving the PTA, the School Site Council and me. Over the past thirteen years the men, women and students from the Springer Community who served on this committee have earned a reputation as being experienced in the application of technology to improve engagement and learning opportunities. They understand the state of the art equipment. The members have communicated openly about their vision, and individuals on the committee have assisted many staff members through formal presentations and inservice and informally assisted with technology hardware issues.

As I reflect on the past years, I recall the early members actually took the lead and wired the entire school using their own free time on Saturday mornings to complete the job. I was absolutely fascinated with the work of these members from idea, to design, to gathering of corporate donations, to the actual wiring of the school.

The committee worked in coordination with the emerging district technology plan. Each step of technology application provided more and more opportunities for our students to learn through technology, to communicate via word processing, to illustrate and solve problems using state of the art software, and to producing visual presentations that promote written language, logic, sequence skills, and oral communication.

This past year the Technology Committee planned well and reached out to the community to support the upgrade of the two computer labs. The entire amount of this year's WalkaThon (Tech Trek2) was used to secure the labs with state of the art computers. In addition, the committee coordinated their efforts with the LAEF, PTA, and the district direction to see a means to coordinate Grade Six teachers' training with the laptop hardware the students would need to move to a digital literacy environment in their classrooms. The committee's work paid off and the PTA graciously supported the leasing of the 32 laptop computers for our current Grade Six class.

Planning, vision, expertise, care are the words that come to mind when I discuss the value of the Springer Technology committee. To the current members and to the members of past years, on behalf of the students I would like to say one gigantic THANK YOU !