

Computer Team meeting
4/9/13

Focus of Ross Grant:

Education

Finding out what hi-rises need.

Updating family site computer labs

Recruiting computer administrators. There are a number of buildings that don't have administrators. That is a real need.

Building administration:

Setting up some kind of remote access was mentioned. This would make troubleshooting easier.

Involvement from the resident councils would be necessary to keep things secure and above board.

A simple way to do this would be to use a program like Teamviewer.

Funding:

It looks like we will be getting 10,500 for computer funding.

It would be good to look into server based licensing for the Babylon software. Cloning is another option if it is allowed.

To be purchased:

Babylon software

Software for the visually impaired

Web cam for each hi-rise

LED screen and projector

Four additional computers and monitors

New routers might need to be looked at. They can cost up to \$200 for a good one. They should run DD-WRT.

Having our own server would be good. We would control all our data and it would be easier to troubleshoot things.

It would be good if eventually all the computer labs had the same configuration and software.

Getting new Comcast modems should be pushed. That will save councils money and having updated ones will be better for networking.

DOCSIS 3 is current. The ones we have now are DOCSIS 2.

Computer Stations:

There are still a couple hi-rises with only one computer.

Assessments will need to be done at all hi-rises.

Hopefully new computers will be here and be ready to be deployed by the summer.

The Ross Grant service coordinators will be working on the family sites first.

Getting better printers would be good. Fax capability would also be helpful.

Fax is still required in a lot of places. VOIP fax wouldn't require a phone line.

Upgrading the Comcast lines was suggested. That might be difficult at this time. Especially if we don't want the rate raised. Comcast also hasn't seemed very flexible.

Comcast does have a multi site business class plan. The cost per site is reasonable.

The triple play might not be needed. A few sites do have cable but none have phone service now.

Brother P8690? Printer is good and reasonably priced now.

Cheap ink is a big thing.

Scheduling assessments will be talked about at the next meeting.

Buildings that don't have computer administrators now:

Iowa

Cleveland

Central

Wabasha (They may have someone interested.)

Edgerton

Remote access is one focus for the Ross Grant team. Recruiting administrators is another. That is a big need at some buildings.

WNCE 2001 Netgear wireless adapter. That would be good for connecting printers or other devices to the network if the router and modem aren't accessible. This pat would be down the road.

It looks like we will be getting \$10,500 for computer funding. That is not definite yet but it is likely.

Would loaning laptops to residents ever be a good thing?

The big issue is chain of custody and being sure they would be returned.

Some kind of damage deposit would be needed. Also written records. The laptops could be made available just at certain times and just be able to be used in the community room.

This is all very down the road.