
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Kennedy Junior High School

Lisle, Illinois

A parent's concern sparked the inception of the Technology Committee at Kennedy Junior High. The father felt his son was missing out on necessary technology exposure that would better prepare students for the future. The principal encouraged interested parents to form a committee to explore additional technology avenues for the school community. The initial parent chaired the committee, consisting of parents, administrators, and a Parent Involvement School, Family and Community chairperson. The mission of the Technology Committee was to provide students with more opportunities for hands-on technology applications, to increase teachers' use of technology during classroom instruction, to educate parents and the community about the usefulness of the Internet, and to foster business partnerships with a focus on technology.

The committee planned and implemented two Technology Nights in addition to continually pursuing grant funding and equipment acquisition. Over forty parents attended each Technology Night.

The committee reinforced the importance of technology to its students, faculty, and parents. Many fathers felt quite comfortable stepping forward to help the committee. The committee met before school, enabling many fathers to participate. Kennedy Junior High received funds, grants, and donations from the technology industry to help cover costs. Donations of computers, and video equipment enhanced Kennedy's technology resources.

The Technology Committee involved more parents and increased their awareness of the technology applications being used at school. Parents gained knowledge about the Internet's benefits for children's learning. Several students received recognition for their technology contributions to the school. In addition, it provided business partnerships to positively impact the learning experiences of students in the community.

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