

**Technology Committee  
Community of Practice  
October 31, 2014**

- Reviewed and accepted previous meeting minutes
- Meetings will occur every month. Every other meeting will occur in Wallingford. Alternate months will be a field trip

Tuesday afternoons (try to stay 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month)

- December 16<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm; afternoon better
- January 27<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm (\*Note- conflicts occurred for the 1/13 date.)
- February 17<sup>th</sup>
- March 17<sup>th</sup>
- April 21<sup>st</sup>
- May 19<sup>th</sup>
- June 6<sup>th</sup>

December –

January – Wallingford

February – iPad – Neat Marketplace

March – Wallingford

April – Waterbury (Not yet confirmed)

May – Wallingford

June – Stratford (not yet confirmed)

- Community of Practice Booth went well
  - Questions were asked but the people manning the booth did not always have the answers; will need more info
    - What did we not know answers to
      - People using equip & eyes
      - How equip is funded
      - Costs of products
  - You-tube videos were well received
    - List of videos – will forward document to the group
    - Introductory blurb – missing and will be added
  - Synergistics info went quickly – people gathered lots of info
  - Tons of positive feedback
  - Kudos to all those who helped make it successful
  - Sharon Lewis keynote – excellent link on DDS website; Joan video-taped it – kudos; more radical than anything said at DDS – she’s up there in president’s ear
- *National Community of Practice*
  - Brochure created – liked so much that they created a template for all states to use

- Spanish – send to John Tierney (use proper Spanish – not any dialects)
- Sub committee’s peer mentoring/hiring position
  - Vern drafted job description – union members upset
  - It sits at HR at this time
- Tech idol video
  - Myra last meeting send stories to Amy – looking for a budget of video
  - Handed out people using technology (5 cases)
  - No releases – may not participate
  - Life Line was huge in order to provide health and safety without limiting activities. This allowed him his freedom. Not intrusive/not stigmatizing
- Amy Blazawski
  - One family got grant for technology. Emergency contact device
- Pam talked about Henry, Peter, Mavell – using technology to live more independently
  
- Tech act – not a sub-committee (Arlene)
  - Putting together major technology center for smart home technology center – one-stop center – over next 60 days
  - Long standing assisted technology smart home tech library - can sometimes borrow it and try it out
  - Can make inexpensive DVDs to do small You-tube clips on disc we can mail to families – may not be legal
  - Many pieces public domain it can be all hosted on website – print fewer then have website access
  - Bruce can help committee do this
- Laura’s group doing success stories!
- Information dissemination with Susan haven’t met in awhile
  - Chris reported getting a list – survey what was the best way to give out information – best way to send it out
- Campaign – “Technology Rights”
  - Chris reported it was three pages and now it is one; Chris will e-mail what words need to be changed
- Funding
  - Robin working with neat employ tech group
    - Take recommendation to DDS
    - Want DDS to be model technology organization
    - Talk about rights
    - Supporting tech over life span
    - Recommendations
    - If tech is not there, have vendors change tech to address new issues/gaps
  - Assessment piece
    - How do you determine what to use
    - Neat marketplace loan program is fantastic way to try
- Elise happy to be part of review group

- Road shows for DDS staff
  - Siobhan/Robin/Pat D will be doing them over the next several months
  - Break-out sessions and information will need help to man booths for this road trip
- DD Council leading planning family supports conference
  - October 2/3
  - Molly Cole doing planning celebrating IDEA/ADA

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Fields