Meeting Notes #4: Curriculum/ Special Education/ Technology Committee
from October 19th – Zoom-

Attendance:
Crystal Hopkins
Allison Silverstein
Kathryn Weller-Demming
District Guest: Chris Graber

- Welcome/Check In
- Technology Update:
  o For School Year 21-22 The district has deployed close 6,000 devices to students for MPSD 1:1
    - Kindergarten - 1st graders received touch devices for easier usage.
    - 2nd- 12th Standard HP Chromebooks
  o Devices will be replenished kindergarten- 6th Grade - 9th Grade each year the technology budget will have representation of these purchases. May not show in the 22-23 School year budget because many of the devices are new.
  o Every student in Montclair has a device.
  o MPSD are providing internet access to families through comcast internet essentials so that every student has access to the internet and the district picks up the bill.
    - Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) this is for broadband, internet and devices to address the digital divide.
  o The device agreement originally wasn't in line with policy devices have been replaced and repaired as needed with no cost to the families.
  o The district has moved from 1 GB to 3 GB
  o Discussed updates to Genesis to improve how it communicates with families.

Asspiration:
- Providing more than one laptop to families in need, one that stays home instead of students having to drag between school and home.

Follow Up:
Cases for devices
ECF Money
Tech needs within School
The Future: Funding for infrastructure (Creating a forecast of spending/timeline)
Cybersecurity: Cisco Duo
365 vs Google update migratination to one.
Meeting updates: Closed Caption, Sign language etc.