



# Semiahmoo Trail Parent Advisory Council

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## **SPECIAL INFORMATION MEETING:**

### **TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE**

**Proposed Budget:** \$24,000

**Proposed Plan:** Technology Upgrade-Macbook laptops, ipad Keyboard cases, and ADST supplies

### **OVERVIEW**

Every year the PAC reaches out to the school administration & staff to assess the needs of the students and classrooms. These often include necessary items along with wish lists of things that would expand or enhance our childrens' learning environment.

The past year (2022/2023) we focused on an enhancement to the audio/visual equipment used in our gymnasium. The upgrade included a wireless speaker system and an overhead projection system, which significantly enhanced the old technology that was outdated and failing. The teachers and students have been making great use out of it this past year. In May we completed our very successful Jogathon and raised enough money to provide more technology upgrades for this year that are much needed to our school. Technology is such a great source in the classrooms, but also very expensive and constantly needing to be upgraded and replaced. Ms Fadum uses all of the district funds that she is able to for upgrading, but the amount is very restricted and limited. This past year she was able to purchase a new cart of 30 ipads to replace an old failing set with district funds.

Our supply at school at the moment is listed below:

2 ipad carts -1 has older ipads, and one has newer ipads

2 Dell laptop carts (most of which are old and failing)

1 Macbook cart

**\*\*A cart has around 30 units- enough for a class to book out as needed\*\***



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After much thoughtful consideration, the staff has responded with a need to purchase more laptops that work well, and that Macbooks, although more expensive, fare better and longer with less issues than the Dell Laptops. A budget friendly way to make the ipads more useful and accessible is to also purchase a set of ipad keyboard cases to use in the next few years as more Macbooks can slowly be purchased. A request for some ADST supplies that go hand and hand with the laptops to use for coding and designing are also on the teachers wishlist for this upgrade. Ms Fadum is working out a possible 3 year plan to slowly use all available district funds with the help of PAC if possible with future fundraising to continue upgrading our technology. Spreading technology purchases out over the course of a few years also reduces the need to upgrade and service all at once when needed.

The proposed plan for this year's technology upgrade is as follows:

**-13 Macbook Laptops -Cost: \$19,512.00**

(Macbook Air 13 inch M2 -laptop/notebook)-These must be purchased through the district

**-20 Ipad Keyboard cases- Cost: \$ 3432.60**

(Logitech Rugged Combo 3 touch ipad keyboard case from Amazon)

**-ADST Supplies - Cost: \$ 482.22**

( Gear box and motors, microbits, wheels, alligator clips-purchased from Amazon and Piness Auto)

**OVERAGE/BUFFER** - as with any budget, there may be overages, so we are placing **\$500** in this proposal just in case that is necessary.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**\$23,428.82** – Purchase of 13 Macbook Laptops, 20 ipad Keyboard covers, ADST materials kit

**\$500** - overage/buffer

**\$23,928.82** grand total (**rounded to \$24,000**)



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