Call to Order: Ken Fansler called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Attendees: Jeff Hill, Bob Dean, Bob Piker, Michelle Hardman, Jan Murphy, Joan Hill, Mark Adams, Eric Ruud, John Tuttle, Ken Fansler, Valerie Wilder and Judi Doubet. (Absent: Kevin Eack, Karen Irvin)

Introductions and Acknowledgement of Visitors: Jim Kurz was invited to talk about the Netbooks.

Minutes: Prior regular meetings are approved and posted on the web at: http://www.uhigh.ilstu.edu/cac/index.htm

Netbook Presentation: Jim Kurz, U-High Technology Coordinator

The laptop initiative began three years ago when we decided to expand student access to technology by placing laptops in classrooms. We discovered that laptops did not meet the needs of the Math Department so we switched to tablets, which are working great! Because of the success of the laptop initiative, we believe it is time to take the next step and provide every U-High student with a school owned netbook that will be available to them 24/7.

A planning committee has been very busy working out the details; members include: Scott Genung, Director of Telecommunications and Networking at Illinois State University; Mark Walbert, Associate Vice President for Academic Information Technology at Illinois State; John Tuttle, President of Delta Community Companies; Ken Fansler, Assistant Dean of the College of Education at Illinois State; Tim McKeown, Director of Data Management and Analysis at Illinois Wesleyan University; Neil Styczynski, retired IBM Software Group sales representative; Dr. Robert Dean, Superintendent, Laboratory Schools; Dr. Jeff Hill, Principal, University High School; Jim Kurz, Instructional Technology Coordinator and Technical Support at University High School; and Cory Culbertson, Technology Education Faculty Associate at U-High.

Cost Effective Model:
- Will not cost the school more over a three-year span than the current technology initiative.
  - Prices have come down so far that it truly makes sense now (approximately $300 each)
  - Machines will be owned by the school
- Students will keep the netbook for the duration of the school year and then return them before the summer break
- Dyknow was implemented over the holiday break to help monitor and restrict access during classes
  - Teachers can set parameters for class thereby controlling what students see
- Technology administration time savings
  - Teachers lose classroom time currently during beginning of the class start up, end of the class shut down, and maintenance
  - Students can save their work on their own machine
  - Students can connect to the school network to store their work
  - Compatibility issues of home computers vs. school computers is eliminated

Preparation: Adding desks to classrooms, electrical outlets for charging and wireless infrastructure
Created a parent agreement form (spells out expectations, etc)
Staff development for teachers

Roll Out is expected in early August with an orientation for students and parents. Robert Dean will be sending home a letter to all parents within the next couple weeks to communicate the new program.

U-High’s Digital Learning Initiative Web site can be seen at www.uhigh.ilstu.edu/laptops/index.asp.

Legislative Issues:
Eric Ruud will schedule the session with the legislators after the primary election. There have not been a lot of changes in the political climate recently, so there is not a lot of new information for the legislators to share.
Those Who Excel:
The Laboratory Schools will not be participating this year.

Technology:
Please see the Netbook Initiative presentation by Jim Kurz. Most of the laptops currently in use at U-High will likely go to Metcalf.

Report from Administrative Representative: Robert Dean
U-High Graduation Date: Friday, May 14, 2010. Seniors last day would be May 13, 2010.

Stroud Updates: The Board of Trustees approved an increase in the budget for the Stroud remodel of $675,000. The project is still on target for a December 2010 construction completion schedule. The additional money came from laboratory school reserves. This reserve fund is used for emergencies, lean funding years, etc. The carryover fund is critical to the lab schools because we do not have the ability to tax in response to critical needs.

Budget Updates: Budgets will not be finalized by the end of March, which is when schools must decide upon their staffing projections / layoffs. Schools are expecting to see a reduction in funds.

On-Line Student Application Process: Anticipate having the Metcalf application process on-line for 2010 application process. On-line payment for the application fee will be available for applicants.

Staffing: Steve Wilder, the assistant principal at U-High, will be the new superintendent at Knoxville CUSD #202. We are very proud of Steve and wish him well in his new role. Dr. Hill will be conducting the search for the new assistant principal.

CAC Vacancies: Michelle Hardman and Kevin Eack have fulfilled their terms. A CAC application form will be sent out to all parents.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th.

2009-2010 Meeting Dates: September 8, November 10, January 12, March 16, May 11