

**MSAD 68 Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Called to Order: 7:15 AM
March 12, 2008
Room 113, SeDoMoCha Middle School

Members Present: David Bridges
Brad Edwards
Laura England
Joy LaCasce
Tom Landberg
Tom Mowery
Jay Robinson

The Technology Committee gathered in Tom's classroom for a SmartBoard demonstration. Tom demonstrated the ability to both control the computer connected to the SmartBoard via the SmartBoard surface, as well as the benefits of both capturing written board content and the ability to interact directly with the projected image. As an example, we saw a Java-generated applet in Noteshare that allowed us to physically manipulate tangrams on the screen.

David and Tom had attended an interactive whiteboard demonstration at Piscataquis Community High School on March 10th. David reported that they had seen both a SmartBoard and a Mimio unit demonstrated. The Mimio is a unit that adheres to the side of the board and uses infrared and ultrasonic technology to interact with the user's marker or stylus rather than a touch-sensitive board surface. Their price point is approximately one quarter the cost of a SmartBoard and offers similar features.

Due to time constraints, other agenda items will be discussed at a later date.