PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY TEACHERS IN UTILIZING MODERN TECHNOLOGIES

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The world today is very different from what it was a century, even a few decades ago. This transformation has been driven in part by rapid technological innovation. Including Information Communication Technology in our elementary curriculum would be great help advancement for students in our country. It will add more competitive value for our labor forces in the world market, since information technology is now part of our daily lives.

According to Rosen et al., 1995, the role of technology in teaching and learning is rapidly becoming one of the most discussed issues in the contemporary educational policy. Most experts in the field of educational technology in the world agree that when technology is properly used, teaching and learning are enhanced (Yusuf, 2005). According to British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (BECTA) (2003a), a number of ICTs can be integrated into the education sector, namely LCD projectors, Web-based learning, Encarta software, computer productivity tools, interactive white boards, among others.

Technology development in the beginning of 21st century has changed not only the way classrooms appear, but also necessitates a change in how students in the classrooms learn? Today’s technology-driven environment dictates that an individual must be competent and educated in the area of computers. It is an important tool that all teachers and the people in the educational system must familiar to adapt themselves in the world today. Yet, a problem remains to occur related to teachers using technology in meaningful ways for instruction.
Some problems encountered by the teacher are lack of equipment, pace of change, being oldies and lack of seminars. Because of the rapidly changing technology, some schools where can’t keep up and update their equipment. Upgrading equipment is often costly and the schools may not have the budget to grip the equipment. Some teachers complain that on their age it’ hard for them to cope up and be updated to the modern technology. There still teachers who are untrained about modern technology because of the limited slot and budget in attending seminars.

Providing good and quality equipment can help the teachers to face the struggle they encountered in utilizing modern technology. Establishing LAC session wherein after class or even once a week, a tutorial session for the teachers especially for the oldies can help and boost them to learn more about modern technology.

As a teaching tool, modern technologies are the fastest, the most powerful and the most efficient and effective device in teaching learning to process.

To attain this, teachers need to attend seminars that will help them to improve and develop their skills when it comes to modern technologies? As the digital age now exists, it is imperative to equip them with knowledge in the utilization of modern technologies found in school to become globally competitive individuals and to improve the quality of education in schools.

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