**Additional Items for Family Tech Agreements**

**I. When laptop or Internet is used:**

Sample agreements:

1. Do homework that requires the laptop first, before other non-laptop work (or vice versa).
2. When homework is done that is not laptop based, the screen is closed.
3. The Internet is to be used until 9:00 at night, at which time the wireless is turned off.

**II. How often the Internet and laptops are used or the amount of “screen time”**

Sample agreements:

1. When doing schoolwork, only one screen is allowed to be on at one time. In other words, if the laptop is used, the TV may not be on or a smart phone may not be in use.
2. Laptop work and leisure time must be finished by 9:00 at which time the wireless is turned off.
3. Stop “screen time” 30-60 minutes before bedtime.

**III. Location for using the laptop, the Internet, or recharging**

Sample agreements:

1. Laptop work is only done in the common rooms of the house.
2. Laptop work is done on the desk with the door open.
3. Laptop is charged in the parent’s room every night.
4. The laptop wifi must be turned off when not doing work requiring the Internet.

**IV. How the laptop is used.**

Sample agreements:

1. Messages, texting, Skype, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook or other social networking sites are only to be used after all homework is completed and in public rooms.
2. Social time, such as online messaging or chatting, is given a specific appointment time.
3. Online messaging for homework help or group projects must be arranged like an appointment in advance with the other person, if parent gives permission.
4. Son or daughter follows parent(s) on Instagram or directly shares password with parent(s).
5. If the laptop is becoming a distraction, close it, and give it to parent.
6. The Apimac laptop timer or a non-laptop-based timer (a kitchen or watch timer) is set to monitor the time spent on each homework assignment.
7. When doing work, the only application that is open is the one being used for the assignment.

**V. Other Considerations**

Sample agreements:

1. Internet history must not be deleted or found empty.
2. Music or other entertainment is bought with the family account (such as iTunes).
3. This laptop is for the use of the Grade 7 (or Grade 8) student, not siblings.
4. The sound is always on, during work time, so parents/guardians can hear applications that are on (chatting/messaging sound effects).