Rye Neck Schools

RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Present: Mary Lanza, Director of Technology and Communications
Dr. Eric Lutinski, Superintendent of Schools
Trustee Nikki Barker
Tunc Altinbas
Michael Gillespie
Meghan Keane Graham
Ilissa Miller
Mary Ellen Chiera, District Clerk

Absent: Delia Osgood

I. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. VMS Criteria

Community Priorities

Discussion was had with regard to our technology requirements for the new VMS software, for example, weapons detection, human behavior detection (i.e. fighting, vaping), the ability to create custom detections, license plate readers, environmental sensors, and mobile access. It was noted that biometrics such as facial recognition and fingerprint readers are not allowed in schools. Discussion was had with regard to AI detection and model training as it relates to data privacy, as well as some challenges that may be presented by obtaining the software. The Committee members will comment on the shared spreadsheet as to their thoughts on the functionality of the new software.

Vendor Functional Requirement Sheet

Mrs. Lanza will start reaching out to vendors to get a range of costs so she can provide the information to the business office in the next two weeks for budgeting purposes. She would like to bring at least three to four vendors to the committee at its December meeting for evaluation and would like to have a vendor chosen by early winter.

Rating Matrix

Mrs. Lanza reviewed with the Committee the features listed on the evaluation matrix such as campus security, accessibility, network and data, cost, and educational experience/references. Discussion was had with regard to prioritizing the features and rating them by importance.

III. Budget Priorities

Pen Testing Companies

Mrs. Lanza explained that the government agency CISA offers pen testing and phishing campaigns for free. Mrs. Lanza would like to use them this year, but we have been put on a waitlist. She explained that we can stay on the waitlist, but there is no indication of how long. The other option would be to use the vendor who performed our pen test last year. Mrs. Lanza will reach out to Thrive to find out the cost, and Mrs. Miller will provide Mrs. Lanza with some recommendations for other companies.

VMWare Renewal (Not the same as VMS)

Mrs. Lanza advised the Committee that VMWare is the company we currently use, but they are not renewing us. Discussion was had regarding the challenges in obtaining new vendors, and the priorities for the new technology.

Board Reports and Meeting Minutes Process

The Committee decided that it will create a Google doc for each goal that everyone can contribute to which will be presented to the Board as each goal is completed. Trustee Barker will continue to give her regular reports to the Board, and Mrs. Chiera will continue to prepare the minutes of each meeting.

IV. The next Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Chiera
District Clerk