Rye Neck Schools

RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 23, 2026

Present: Mary Lanza, Director of Technology and Communications
Michael Burke, Superintendent of Schools
Trustee Alex Rainert
Jason Berndt
Michael Gillespie
Meghan Keane Graham
Leslie Lam
Ilissa Miller
Mary Ellen Chiera, District Clerk

I. **Opening of Meeting**
The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Discussion was had regarding the sources the Committee members added to the shared drive regarding AI. Mrs. Lanza requested that they share any other sources they would like to review with the Committee at least one week prior to the next meeting.

Next, Mrs. Lanza shared the action steps for Goal 1 of the Strategic Plan that were presented to the staff during the Superintendent's Conference Day to support the district conversations and work happening around how best to integrate AI into our curriculum in a phased approach. She discussed with the Committee the possibility of purchasing a private LLM (Large Language Model) for Rye Neck to instruct students about AI use in a controlled environment. They discussed the pros and cons and how it can be used, the need to keep it current, and how to help the students understand how to use it in a positive way and to be responsible citizens when using an AI tool. Ultimately, it was decided this approach would not be the first step in integrating AI, but could be an option at a later time.

Discussion was also had regarding AI readiness and getting students ready for the workforce, age appropriateness of the concepts of using AI and the skills students need. They should be taught the foundations and the most responsible way to use it. In addition, they discussed using high protection zones for critical thinking and other skills where AI is not used, and getting students to think about why they are using it, what they want to get out of it, what is the purpose, and is there a better source they can go to. It was stressed that AI use has to start with teacher training.

The committee stressed the importance of training teachers to be comfortable with what AI can and can't do in order to teach students how to use it responsibly and efficiently.

Finally, the Committee discussed some of the different vendors for school AI based on what our needs are and the goals of using educational AI programs.

III. Next Meeting

The next Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ellen Chiera
District Clerk