Technology Committee Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2026 6:30 PM
Auditorium, 250 West Avenue, Jenkintown, PA 19046

1. **OPENING**

   1.1. Call to Order — Mrs. Carolyn Riley
   The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

2. Navigating Digital Learning: Safety, Strategy, and Fiscal Planning Presentation — 2

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JENKINTOWN • DRAKES

K–12 Technology & Operational Update

Navigating Digital Learning: Safety, Strategy, and Fiscal Planning

Comprehensive review of student safety auditing, Linewize Parent integration, AI guardrails, 1:1 Chromebook boundaries, and long-term capital roadmap.

Presented to the Board Technology Committee | October 2026

Digital Wellness & Stewardship

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Launching the Technology Committee

Committee Structure

Broad district-wide representation

OFFICIAL LAUNCH

Late October 2026

MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION

14 Members

Spanning faculty, staff, administration, and school board members.

Strategic Priorities

Setting K–12 digital goals and aligning tech initiatives with overarching district vision.

Policy & Safety Regulations

Advising administration/board on screen-time balance, creating AI Policy, discussing emerging AI ethics and literacy for our students.

Educational Standards

Reviewing/Evaluating classroom hardware/software for instructional value and student data privacy.

Faculty Forum

Providing a collaborative space for teachers to share digital best practices and resolve classroom needs.

STUDENT WELLBEING & REAL-TIME AUDITING

Active Auditing & Student Wellbeing Safeguards

Continuous 24/7 Monitoring (On & Off Campus)

Classroom Tab Control (Classwize)

Teachers have the ability maintain active tab visibility and manage browser focus during instructional time.

24/7 Safety Scanning (Linewise)

24/7 continuous safety scanning on and off campus for all Internet traffic.

REAL-TIME OPERATIONAL ESCALATION EXAMPLE (SELF-HARM ALERT)

STEP 1 Trigger Event

Friday 10/2 - Alert generated when a student typed self-harm phrases into a Google search.

STEP 2 Automated Red Flag

Linewize Monitor instantly dispatched a High-Priority notification to IT and administration leads.

STEP 3 Direct Intervention

Mr. Cummins received the alert and contacted Mr. Roller. He then contacted the parents directly, and ensured the student was safely supported immediately.

1:1 DEVICE POLICIES & SCREEN TIME

1:1 Chromebook Program & Content Filtering Boundaries

K-12 Take Home Model

Families opting out of take-home privileges receive a Chromebook for use during the day.

We only have a four families K-12 that have opted out at this time.

Devices stay stored & charged in homeroom daily.

Streaming & YouTube Access

Streaming Blocked: Netflix, Hulu, & Disney+ blocked district-wide.

YouTube Policy: Blocked K–6; allowed in Grades 7–12 as an instructional tool.

Grades 7–12 YouTube preserved for teaching

Screen Time Balance

In the elementary school teachers are using the Chromebooks on average 25 minutes a day out of the 310 instructional minutes.

Some days there is no use at all.

Discussing automated device access windows to reduce screen fatigue.

Example; K-6: 7 PM - 8AM (Disabled Weekends)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY

Clear & Purposeful Standards

DISTRICT BASELINE

District-Wide Lockdown

ChatGPT and all commercial generative AI tools (Claude, Gemini, Copilot) are strictly blocked across all student grade levels.

ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM
Enforced centrally via Google Admin device policy rules and Linewize content category blocks.

TARGETED EXCEPTION

AP Computer Science Access

Access to ChatGPT will be granted exclusively to AP Computer Science students starting in April for specialized exam preparation.

- **Purpose:** Programming analysis, syntax debugging, & algorithm development.
- **Alignment:** Direct preparation for AP Exam syntax standards.

ISOLATED MANAGEMENT
Implemented by moving AP CS students into a temporary, isolated Organizational Unit (OU) in Google Admin.

DATA PRIVACY & COMPLIANCE

App Governance, Privacy & Google "Under 18" Rules

Strict App Vetting

Faculty Request Model: Apps and Chrome extensions are pushed to Chromebooks only after formal teacher requests and IT review.

Chrome Web Store Disabled for Students

Google "Under 18" Rules

Non-educational Google services (Location History, Google Pay, unapproved Play Store apps) are turned off across student accounts.

Enforced at Organizational Unit Level

EdTech Review Framework

Required district-wide tools aligned with curriculum standards (e.g., Google Workspace). Feature centralized account management, district-level roster sync, and formal vendor data-sharing agreements for data security.

Zero Student Data Monetization

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Empowering Families: Linewize Parent Integration Module Option

Home Visibility Module

New capability to deploy Linewize Parent Module to extend filtering oversight to parents at home.

Roster Sync

Student accounts would be linked with parent emails via PowerSchool SIS.

Parent Capabilities

Gives families direct visibility into school device web activity outside school hours and pause-internet options.

Authentic Community Communication

- Translating technical filtering data into clear, actionable insights for parents.
- Building trust through transparent dialogue regarding home device rules and digital boundaries.
- Equipping families with joint oversight without shifting administrative core filtering responsibility.

CURRICULUM & PLATFORM STRATEGY

Platform Selection & Transferable Digital Skills

2014 Standardization

Selected Google Workspace in 2014 for zero per-user licensing costs, cloud collaboration, and seamless Chromebook integration.

Microsoft 365 Requirements

Adopting M365 requires purchasing per-user enterprise licensing and provisioning an additional district email domain.

UNIVERSAL SKILL TRANSFERABILITY (GOOGLE TO MICROSOFT)

Google Docs →	Microsoft Word	Document formatting, typography, & cloud collaboration
Google Sheets →	Microsoft Excel	Cell formulas, data analysis, charts, & spreadsheet logic
Google Slides →	Microsoft PowerPoint	Visual presentation design, slide structure, & media timing

FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Long-Term Fiscal Stewardship & Capital Planning

Delivered (2025-2026)

Faculty Refresh: Deployed new MacBook Air devices for 100% of district faculty this past summer.

Cloud Wireless Migration: Moved to Aruba Central in Summer 2025, eliminating physical/virtual controllers that needed replacing.

100% Faculty Hardware Updated

Optimized

Capital Preservation: On-premises server upgrades were deferred this fiscal cycle in order to prioritize teacher devices.
Chromebook Maintenance: 4-5 year warranties with accidental damage; IT replaces screens and batteries in-house after warranty to extend life.

Capital Outlays Deferred Safely

Forecasted (2027-2030)

2027–2028 Servers & Storage: VM Environment reached end-of-life. Currently gathering quotes and third-party warranty/maintenance support option to extend life.
2028-2029 Enterprise Firewall: Primary firewall reaches end-of-life in 2027–28. Currently gathering multi-year vendor quotes.
2029-2030: Network Core Switch Replacement.
Ongoing: SaaS Evaluation to see where we can save costs on internal hardware and software.

Multi-Year Quote Planning Active

NEXT STEPS

Action Plan for the Technology Committee

1. TOP PRIORITY **AI Policy & Guardrails**
   Develop district-wide generative AI policy, literacy, and standards.

2. TOP PRIORITY **Screen-Time & Digital Boundaries**
   Establish district-wide screen time guidelines and home access boundaries.

3. **Review Educational Standards**
   Evaluate hardware and software for classroom use and addressing classroom technology across all grade levels.

4. **Faculty Forum**
   Provide a safe space for faculty to share best practices and explore new educational tools.

Thank you for your partnership and guidance. Questions & Discussion.

Jenkintown Drakes Technology

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Name	Address	Topic

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

4.1. Adjourn the meeting — Mrs. Carolyn Riley
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Secretary