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Regional School Advisory Council (RSAC) Meeting 3

The Regional School Advisory Council was joined by Denise Johnston-MacDonald and Chris Cocok from the Technology Integration Leadership Team (TILT) to discuss the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in schools. The discussion covered teacher preparedness, ethical considerations, AI literacy, and future plans for supporting AI use in education.

Denise and Chris shared information about HRCE's AI initiative, discussed AI's impact on student success and well-being, and the importance of preparing students for an AI-driven future. The goal is to ensure students learn to navigate AI safely and critically.

They also shared information about a survey of more than 600 HRCE teachers, which revealed discomfort and lack of preparedness in using AI tools and teaching AI literacy. In addition, TILT members talked about an AI pilot involving teachers from 40 schools. Data gleaned from this pilot, as well as the survey, is informing HRCE frameworks to support the ethical and effective use of AI in classrooms.

Chris introduced AI HRCE specific guidelines that emphasize ethics, safety, academic integrity, and critical thinking for both students and teachers. These guidelines include information about a teacher portal with resources and webinars. They also include lessons for students on AI types, bias, ethical use, safety, academic integrity, and societal impacts. Once finalized, the guidelines will be publicly accessible to parents/guardians and the community.

Looking ahead, future challenges and plans focus on expanding teacher confidence with AI, deepening AI literacy across grades, and enhancing communication with parents/guardians to clarify AI's role in education. Regional SAC members provided positive feedback and suggestions, including clarifying AI use guidelines for homework and ensuring families are aware how AI is used in the classroom.
