

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: January 11, 2017

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
185 East Main Street, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Teaching & Learning Committee

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	John Prins, T&L, Chair	Board of Education
Y	Joanne M. Borrus	Board of Education
N	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
Y	Michael Krause, CIC	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Dr. Kate Marsland	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor	Board of Education
Y	Elizabeth Regan	Board of Education
N	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
N	Kiersten Bjork	Student Representative
N	Carol Frye	Student Representative
Y	Hunjin Lim	Student Representative
N	Jack Nelson	Student Representative
N	Jayleen Flores	Student Representative
N	Daniel Shamas	Student Representative
N	Emily Borst	Student Representative
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others in attendance:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Prins.

MINUTES

02 Motion (Prins/Krause) to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Hernandez took a moment to announce that the previously scheduled Early Release Day of April 15 will be the state-wide day for administration of the SATs, and therefore BHS will have a different schedule. More information will be communicated directly to parents and students.

03 A. Pre-K

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Anthony Buono gave an overview on the audit of our PreK program that is currently underway by ACES. The review will look at the coherence of the program across all the schools, the quality of curriculum, and horizontal and vertical articulation. It will include interviews, document reviews and observation of classes and team meetings. A full report will be given when the audit is complete.

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B. Intermediate School Staffing

Superintendent Hernandez and Dr. Anthony Buono discussed staffing at WIS. They discussed that as the building project progresses and enrollment declines, changes to the team structure and to staffing will be underway. Eventually, there will be 2 5-teacher teams at each grade level, and each team will consist of science, math, social studies, language arts and world language. This will align with the long-range plans for how the school will be organized after construction is completed.

C. Continue Branford Graduate Discussion

Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent Buono continued the discussion on the Branford Graduate. Additional comments will be incorporated into a new draft for the full board next week.

ADJOURNMENT

04 Chairman Prins, adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M

**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.**

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary