

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: December 12, 2018

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, Committee Chair	Board of Education
Y	Joanne M. Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Michael Krause, CIC	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
N	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor	Board of Education
Y	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	Elizabeth Regan	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
N	GianCarlo Giannini	Student Representative
N	Lisa Kroeber	Student Representative
N	William Riggs	Student Representative
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others in attendance:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Prins, Committee Chair.

APPROVE MINUTES

02 A. MOTION (Regan/Sharkey) to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2018 Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

B. MOTION (Regan/Sharkey) to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2018 Special Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

03 A. **Assessing Student Learning: Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) and Other Measures**

Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent Sexton gave a presentation on Assessing Student Learning: SBA and Other Measures. Superintendent Hernandez began by stating that he and Ms. Sexton put together their presentation “in the hope that it portrays the picture and captures progress of students as measured in not one performance measure (SBA) but also later on we start to break down the data and start to look at growth and the growth of students or when students aren’t growing.” Among the items that they discussed in their presentation were, The Leadership for Learning Framework; Achievement of Results and Antecedents of Excellence, questions driving our work. They also discussed how the District assesses student academic learning including; once a year static (SBA, NGSS, SAT’s, AP, LAS/Links, and the CT Physical Fitness Test), during the year (STAR, TC

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Assessing Student Learning: SBA and Other Measures (Continued)

running records, Performance Assessments, Unit Pre/Post Assessments and Grades) and during the learning dynamic (informal running records, observation notes, student learning goals and self-assessment). Superintendent Hernandez and Asst. Superintendent Sexton continued their presentation by discussing how the District uses data, the Smarter Balanced Assessments, Student Demographics (SBA Test Takers), SBA Assessments (performance vs. Growth), the 2017-2018 BPS Performance Compared to the State Average, Grades 3 to 4 SBA Performance, SBA Performance Over Time – Matched Cohort (ELA students reaching level 3+, the percentage of students achieving target for grades 4-8 Math and ELA 2015-2018), the questions that we are exploring and action steps. They finished their presentation by discussing a grade 1 performance task and showing and discussing a formative assessment video of grade 8 English students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at tonight's meeting.

ADJOURN

04 Mr. Prins adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be
Wednesday, January 9, 2018, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.**

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich