

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes**

DATE: November 11, 2020

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

SUBJECT: Teaching & Learning Committee

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**ATTENDANCE**

<b>HERE</b>	<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Y	Ellen Michaels, Committee Chair	Board of Education
N	Joanne M. Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education
N	Chad Edgar	Board of Education
Y	Meredith Gaffney	Board of Education
Y	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	John Prins	Board of Education
Y	Tim Raynor	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others in attendance:

- Ashley Marinaro, Grades 5-12 Curriculum Coordinator
- Lauren Skultety, Grades PK-4 Curriculum Coordinator

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**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 7:18 P.M. by Ellen Michaels, Committee Chair.

**PRESENTATION**

**02 A. Teaching & Learning in the Hybrid**

Rachel Sexton, Ashley Marinaro and Lauren Skultety gave a presentation on Teaching and Learning in the Hybrid. Among the items they discussed were cultivating a Growth Mindset, Hybrid Model Elements, the virtual classroom and entering the classroom. For elementary grades they discussed set-up for ease, replication of in-person practices, the students' side, Kindergarten Performance Assessment, sample learning plan, and a day in the life. For secondary grades they discussed Grade 8 English Google Classroom, Grade 8 Science, Digital Notebooks in Biology, and a day in the life of Grade 7 Science, Grade 7 ELA Writers Workshop and Grade 5 ELA book groups. Ms. Sexton, Mrs. Marinaro and Mrs. Skultety ended their presentation by discussing looking to the future including; technology integration, multiple pathways for learning, innovation and creativity, depth of learning versus coverage, emphasis on student engagement strategies and parents as partners,

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Julia, Grade 7 BPS student, spoke about work on remote days, the amount of time it takes her to do school work and her thoughts on the work load.

Celia Toche, District parent, commended the District teachers for the incredible job that they are doing and this evenings presenters. Ms. Toche spoke about her apprehension/anticipation of full remote learning, public participation in the presentation, social/emotional learning, work flexibility, accessibility for all learners, and better communication and collaboration.

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**ADJOURN**

**03** MOTION (Perrotti/Raynor) to adjourn. Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be  
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Branford High School Lower Media Center**

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Gaffney  
Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich