

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

**DATE:** January 19, 2022

**LOCATION:** Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria  
185 Damascus Road, 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	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	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	Laura Troidle	Board of Education
Y	Marie Watson	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others in attendance:

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**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Ellen Michaels.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**02** MOTION (Prins/Perrotti) to approve minutes from the November 10, 2022 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**03** **AGENDA CHANGE**

A. Presentation/Discuss/Update Item B. Afterschool Programming, Item C. No Place for Hate and Item D. State Assessment Calendar has been moved in order to take place before Item A. Professional Learning for Continuous Improvement presentation.

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS**

**04 A. Afterschool Programming**

Among the items discussed were; terms (enrichment, tutoring and homework help), elementary enrichment, WIS Beyond the Bell (enrichment classes) and BHS – Mixes skills (mini-lessons with tasks related to homework)

**05 B. No Place for Hate**

Rachel Sexton discussed No Place for Hate. She explained that it is a collaborative initiative that provides preK-12 schools with an organizing framework for students, administrators, teacher and family members to develop long-term solution for creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable climate. Among the items that she discussed were; student-led, dialogue and active learning, cultivating student leadership, it creates a school where all students thrive by building a learning community of inclusivity, respect and equity and outcomes.

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**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS (Continued)**

**06 C. State Assessment Calendar**

In her report Rachel Sexton discussed;

- Las Links - English Learners, Window – January 3 through March 4, 4 subtests (176 students).
- School Day SATs – for Juniors, Window – March 23-25 and March 29-30, make up dates April 26-28, looking at best way to administer, a practice digital test is available.
- AP Exams – early to mid-May, set by College Board.
- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) – Grades 5 & 8 (May), Grade 11 (April).
- Smarter Balanced Assessment - Grades 3 through 8 (May).
- Seal of Biliteracy – Juniors and Seniors (March 4 through 9).
- NAEP – Grade 8 math and ELA (March 2).

**07 D. Professional Learning for Continuous Improvement**

Among the items discussed in during this presentation were; presentation goals, 2021-2022 professional development for elementary and secondary, the District Strategic Success Plan, creating systems for continuous improvement (student, professional and systems improvement), the professional learning system (instructional coaching, curriculum development, collaborative time, professional development, supervision & evaluation), professional improvement, improving student outcomes and coaching is key (Analysis of SBA Student Growth Data (2019): Difference in Coached Classrooms vs Classrooms NOT Coached),

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments made at this evening's meeting.

**ADJOURN**

**08 MOTION** (DeLucia/Prins) to adjourn.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be  
March 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Gaffney  
Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich