

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: October 20, 2021

LOCATION: Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Teaching & Learning Committee

ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Ellen Michaels, Committee Chair	Board of Education
Y	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
Y	Don Neel, Chief Operating Office	Central Office

Others in attendance:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 7:46 PM by Ellen Michaels, Committee Chair.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

02 A. District Data

Assistant Superintendent Sexton provided a presentation on District Data. Among the items that she discussed were;

- Goals.
- CSDE Next Generation Accountability.
- CSDE Next Generation Indicators.
- BPS Trends 2015-16 through 2018-19.
- 2019-20 Truncated Data (COVID closure).
- 2020-21 State Standardized Assessment Administration.
- 2020-21 Assessment Data for Hybrid Models Students Only - No Growth Data Available.
- 2020-21 Indicators 2a-12 Assessment Data.
- 2020-21 Data Summary.
- School Climate Survey.
- 2020-21 Administration.
- Survey Structure.
- Families (20.2% response rate).
- Students Grade 3-12(64% response rate).
- Non Certified and Certified Staff (65% response rate).
- Climate Data Summary.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett Jolly, District parent, discussed the District's climate survey, ESSER funds, the SACC program, and an email that he sent to Lee Panagoulas.

Laura Troidle, District parent, spoke about surveys and data, student math and reading scores, having a conversation regarding where we are academically and the help that we are providing.

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about the numbers, superintendent reports, poles, metrics, enrollment, test scores, trust, his attendance at meetings and critical feedback. Mr. Jerolman thanked the Board and Assistant Superintendent for their efforts.

Megan Delucia, District parent, spoke about the climate survey, her own experience with climate surveys, SBA tests, overcoming gaps, and the WIS extra help after school program.

Jennifer Orlando, District parent, spoke about wanting Branford Public Schools to be better as a District, her son's academic experiences, District leadership, and core tiles.

ADJOURN

- 03** MOTION (Gaffney/Cantu) to adjourn.
APPROVED

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 9:24 PM.

**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.**

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich