

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

**DATE:** September 22, 2021

**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	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
N	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: Dianibel Aviles, Jody Buds, James Carlson, Charles Cicarella, Sean Kennedy, Alicia Loesche, Lee Panagulias, and Lauren Skultety.

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**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Ellen Michaels, Committee Chair.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**02** MOTION (Berdon/Cantu) to approve minutes from the June 9, 2021 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRESENTATION**

**A. Summer Programs**

Rachel Sexton and members of the District's certified staff and administrative team discussed summer programs. Among the items discussed were;

- BHS Credit Restoration Extended School Year, Summer Spectacular, Elementary Enrichment - structure, students, enrollment and location.
- Elementary Enrichment Students (Sessions 1, 2 and 3).
- Family Feedback including student relationships, and student self confidence
- Summer Spectacular student demographics and programming.
- The future of Summer Enrichment

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Charles Cicarella, BPS Director of Student Services, thanked his colleagues for their presentation. Mr. Cicarella also spoke about how students with disabilities often miss out on things at school, supplementary services, thinking about extended school year in a different way, goals and objectives of student with disabilities, and looking forward to all students being a part of the planning.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Celia Toche, District parent, congratulated the teachers and administrators for allowing the creativity. Ms. Toche also stated that there is so much promise in project based learning, it allows for diversity growth and collaboration and opening doors.

**ADJOURN**

**03** MOTION (Perrotti/Cantu) to adjourn.  
APPROVED

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM.

**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be  
October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Gaffney  
Secretary

Prepared by,  
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