

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

**DATE:** April 13, 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
Y	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
Y	Meredith Gaffney	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: Lauren Skultety, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator

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**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Ellen Michaels.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**02** MOTION (Prins/DeLucia) to approve minutes from the January 19, 2022 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS**

**03** Updates

Rachel Sexton provided an update on the following; an email being sent out tomorrow regarding summer programs (enrichment, SEL programming, transportation and location) and State Assessments (Science, ELA, Math and AP).

**04 A. Elementary English Language Arts**

Among the items that Rachel Sexton and Lauren Skultety discussed were; Balanced Literacy Model, System of Professional Improvement, Balanced Literacy (reading), Sound Walls (kindergarten and grade 1), Word Work (sight words and syllable types), Bringing Word Study into Workshop, Impact of Student Learning (teacher perspective) and Future Steps: Creating Balance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS**

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

**ADJOURN**

**05** MOTION (Prins/DeLucia) to adjourn.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

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**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be  
May 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Gaffney  
Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich