

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

DATE: April 19, 2023

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	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
N	Marie Watson	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
N	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Don Neel, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office

Others in attendance: Charles Cicarella, Director of Student Services and Dianibel Aviles, Coordinator of Related Services

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Ellen Michaels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett Joly, District parent, spoke about World Languages and AP classes, an email that he sent to Charles Cicarella and his response, support for FRC and the SACC Program, the Murphy School Principal Interview Committee, timeline and the process.

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (Prins/DeLucia) to approve minutes from the March 8, 2023 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UPDATES

03 Summer Programming, State Standardized Testing & Climate Survey

Among the things that were discussed in this evening's update were:

- Elementary Enrichment, Summer Spectacular and Summer Studies (dates, time, locations and enrollment numbers)
- State Standardized Testing
 - Seal of Biliteracy - dates, number of students, and languages.
 - Advanced Placement - dates, number of students and subjects.
 - Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) – dates for grades 3&4 and grades 5 & 8.
 - Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) – part of SBA testing and dates for grade 11 and grades 5&8.
- Climate Survey – letter to families, survey window, the link will come directly from Panorama, students in grades 3-12 will take the survey during school

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PRESENTATION

04 Special Education Services in Branford

- Among the items that Charles Cicarella and Dianibel Aviles discussed were;
- Appreciation
- Theme – Alignment and Interdependency
- a global orientation of student services and understanding of Polaris, core beliefs/values, trend data/student information, staffing, service models/programming options, future opportunities
- Students in Branford – trends and metrics
- Two basic starting points – count and prevalence rate
- Students with disabilities K-12
- Students with disabilities by school
- Disability count and percent per disability K through age 22
- Supporting students with disabilities – staffing and program offerings
- Staffing support including embedded support services
- Staffing details – Special Education Teachers, Paras, School Psychologies, School Social Workers and Speech and Language Pathologists
- Sample of staff accomplishments
- Service Models
- Specialized Programs
- Stability of Practice

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be
May 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich