

# BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

**DATE:** March 8, 2023

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

**SUBJECT:** Teaching & Learning Committee

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

Others in attendance: Ashley Marinaro, Curriculum Coordinator

### BUSINESS ITEMS

#### ITEM DESCRIPTION

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#### CALL

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

#### APPROVE MINUTES

**02** MOTION (Prins/Cantu) to approve minutes from the December 14, 2022 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting and the January 11, 2023 Special Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### UPDATES

**03 Afterschool Enrichment, Summer Programs and State Standardized Testing**

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

- Afterschool Enrichment and Tutoring - in all three levels, the number of students participating per session, math department seeing an impact, grade 2 swimming pilot program (starts next Tuesday, 53 second graders, District staff and Y staff participating)
- Summer Programing - July 5-28, two locations – 9:00 to noon, at WIS - SEL competencies, academic focus, at BHS - ESL, life guard certification, looking to see what student interests and summer meals will be provided.
- State Standardized Testing – starts in May, School Day SAT (March 28), it is digital again this year, Juniors attending school in the A.M. (other grades come in later in the day), AP Exams (set by College Board), Next Generation Science Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessments (two-week period, includes make-ups) and the Seal of Biliteracy.

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**03 Spotlight: World Language**

Among the items that Assistant Superintendent Sexton and Ashley Marinaro discussed were; the District's World Language Vision, World Language Transfer Goals (Branford's Refined Global Competencies), Core Practices in BPS World Language (Core Practices), Language Pathways, World Language Credit Earned, Seal of Biliteracy and Looking Ahead (in progress and under exploration).

**ADJOURN**

**05 MOTION (Prins/Catu) to adjourn.**

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be  
April 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Gaffney  
Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich