

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: September 13, 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
N	John Prins	Board of Education
N	Tim Raynor	Board of Education
Y	Laura Troidle	Board of Education
N	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: Lauren Skultety, Grades PK-4 Curriculum Coordinator; Katie Wagner, Grades 5-12 Acting Curriculum Coordinator and Alicia Loesche, BHS Math Interventionist and Director of Summer Programs

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Ellen Michaels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett Joly, District parent, welcomed Dr. Tranberg and spoke about air quality (a huge investment), meeting Mrs. Jones (the community is thrilled with what she is doing), supporting FRC and World Language (bringing another language back to WIS).

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (DeLucia/Michaels) to approve minutes from the May 10, 2023, Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UPDATES

03 Summer Programs

Among the items discussed in this evening's update were; Elementary Enrichment, WIS Summer Spectacular, BHS Summer Programs, Special Education Extended School Year, Summer Programs 3 year enrollment numbers (Elementary, WIS & BHS Enrichment and BHS Credit Recovery), Summer Programs demographic shifts over 3 years and Enrichment/Credit Recovery Programs - Meals Status,

04 Professional Learning and Curriculum Work

ELA curriculum revisions (alignment with Science of Reading, comprehension strategies, more foundational skills resources, phonics scope and sequence and fall pilot preparation), Elementary Curriculum (facts fluency strategies and revising assessments to better target students' needs), Summer Work: Secondary Curriculum (ELA, Math, Science, World Language, Health/PE and Social Studies), Summer Work: Social Emotional Learning (Elementary Schools and Secondary Schools) and 2023-2024 Professional Focus Areas (Administrators, Elementary and Secondary).

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PRESENTATION

05 Reading Pilot

Among the items discussed in this evening's presentation were; Wonders Feedback (strengths and concerns), Intro Reading Mini Pilot (September-October, purpose, what, who and feedback), Comprehensive Implementation Test (purpose, what and who) and Consistent Practices (use of Aimsweb, phonics scope and sequence, sound walls and sight word instruction).

ADJOURN

06 MOTION (DeLucia/Cantu) to adjourn.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be
October 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich