

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: March 13, 2024

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	Judith Barron	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
Y	Adam Greenberg	Board of Education
N	Marie McNamara	Board of Education
Y	Ram Shrestha	Board of Education
Y	Shawn Tiernan	Board of Education
Y	Laura Troidle	Board of Education
Y	Dr. Christopher Tranberg, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Allison Moran, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Michael Lopes, Finance Manager	Central Office

Others in attendance: Dr. Maria Clark, JBS Principal, Lee Panagoulis, BHS Principal, WIS Principal; Lauren Skultety, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator; Sharon Shirley, Social Studies Teacher; Katie Wagner, 5-12 Curriculum Coordinator

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Ellen Michaels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (Tiernan/DeLucia) to approve minutes from the January 10, 2024, Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATION

03 A. Strategy Mapping (School Goals)

Among the items discussed in this evening's presentation were; why Strategy Mapping, what is Strategy Mapping (visualizes, fosters, aids, changes, enables), backwards design (goal/area of focus and theory of action), Elementary, WIS and BHS Goal and Theory of Action and Alignment of Goals and Learning (District & School Goal, Professional Learning and Department & Teacher Goals).

04 B. AP US History: New Textbook

Among the items discussed in this evening's presentation were; proposed text overview (title, author, publisher, copyright date, course – grade levels, number of books requested, cost per book including online subscription and total cost), rationale textbook selection committee members (Sharon Shirley, Jim Carlson, Katie Wagner, Grace Grammatico and Dylan Hall) and major factors for choice, correlation with State frameworks.

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PRESENTATION (Continued)

05 C. K-4 Reading: Textbook Approval

Among the items discussed in this evening's presentation were; proposed text overview (title, author, publisher, copyright date, course – grade levels, number of books requested, cost per book including online subscription and total cost), rational, Textbook Selection Committee Members (Elementary Curriculum Coordinator and a classroom teacher from each grade - divided across the three schools, a Special Education Teacher from each building), major factors for choice, correlation with State frameworks and professional development needed.

ADJOURN

06 MOTION (Shrestha/Tiernan) to adjourn.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be
April 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia
Secretary

Prepared by,
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