

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: May 8, 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
Y	Marie McNamara	Board of Education
N	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	Blaize Levitan, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office

Others in attendance: Raeanne Reynolds, WIS Principal; Ashley Marinaro, WIS Assistant Principal; Sarah MacDougall, BEA Co-President and WIS Teacher

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVE MINUTES

- 02** MOTION (DeLucia/Tiernan) to approve minutes from the April 17, 2024 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

- 03 A. Teacher and Leader Evaluation and Support Plans**

Among the items discussed in this evening's presentation were; Ties to our Strategic Coherence Plan (SCP), Global Learning Competencies, the revised Definition of Deep Learning, this evening's agenda (and overview of the Teacher Evaluation and Support Plan, the Leader Evaluation and Support Plan and improvements to Walsh Intermediate School Schedule), New Guidelines: Educator and Leader Support, PDEC Committee Membership, Plan Contents, Guiding Principles, Goals: Educator and Student Learning, Growth and Achievement, the Year at a Glance (Goal Setting - Completed by November 1, Mid-Year Check-in - Completed by March 1, End-of-Year-Reflection - Completed by June 1), Reflective Questions for Goal Setting, Beginning of the Year Goals and Planning (Self Reflection and Goal, Rationale, Alignment and Professional Learning - both completed by Educator), Professional Learning, Glossary of Professional Learning Opportunities - Educator, Observation: Educator Cohorts (Definition of Cohorts), BPS Teacher Evaluation Rubric (Feedback, Content, Context and Community), Reflection and Feedback (Educator Reflection and Leader Feedback), Support: For all Educators (Tier 1, 2 and 3), Corrective Support Plan, Dispute Resolution (Purpose and Process).

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PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Leader Evaluation and Supervision: Leader Single Point Rubric, Leader Evaluation Rubric (1. Safe and Collaborative Culture, 2. Effective Teaching in Every Classroom, 3. Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum, 4 Standards - Referenced Reporting, 5. Competency Based Education) and Next Steps.

MOTION (Tiernan/DeLucia) to move to the Full Board next week for approval.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

04 B. Updates to WIS Programming and Scheduling

Among the items discussed in this evening's presentation were; 2024-2025 Fifth and Sixth Grade adjustments, changes, and schedule questions, the Drivers, using data to shape thinking, what was noticed about Grade 5, changes in Grades 5, 6 and 8 and the benefits and areas in need of further development including supporting the teachers... and revising curriculum to align with the Definition of Deep Learning and critical thinking.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting is:
August 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.
(The June 12, 2024 Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be canceled)

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich