

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

**DATE:** September 11, 2024

**LOCATION:** Walsh Intermediate School  
Collaboration & Innovation Center (Room 112)  
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

**SUBJECT:** Teaching & Learning Committee

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**ATTENDANCE**

<b>HERE</b>	<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
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
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
N	Blaize Levitan, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office

Others in attendance: District Curriculum Coordinators; Lisa Hernandez Corcoran and Katie Wagner

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by BOE Chair, Peter Berdon.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mr. Berdon asked those present this evening to observe a moment of silence in recognition of the twenty-third anniversary of 9/11 and to remember those who lost their lives on this day twenty-three years ago.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**02** MOTION (DeLucia/Shrestha ) to approve minutes from the May 8, 2024, 2024 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRESENTATIONS**

**03 A. Summer Programs**

Assistant Superintendent Moran started this evening's presentation with a reminder of the District's Mission, Global Learning Competencies, the Strategic Coherence Plan and Goals and the Definition of Deep Learning. Among the other items discussed in this evening were; Summer programs enrollment 579 students last summer to 327 students this summer(down strategically), ESY Program (student with IEP's), enrollment breakdown by program and year, all BPS students and summer students overall; Enrichment/Credit Recovery Programs - ELL Students, free/ reduced students (are we targeting the students that we intended to), Aimsweb data Kindergarten and Grade 1 (test selection, data criteria)

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**PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

including student performance, elementary summer school survey (anecdotal), the survey questions included; population, do you belong in this class, how positive is the energy, how interesting does your teacher make it in class, if it's hard how likely are you to keep trying (overall positive perception), WIS summer school survey (anecdotal), the survey questions included; population, positivity, do you belong, not in class how often do you talk about ideas from class, how interesting do your teachers make it during class, how likely are you to read your book when not in summer school, summer reading celebration (elementary - Read to Grow Bookmobile), WIS Math Assessment (anecdotal and quantified data) prioritizing standards in the coming year, WIS grade level math data (we found that in each area there was a level where we could strengthen their understanding and an area where they needed additional support) and BHS academic data (Credit Recovery) including 55 students invited and 42 students registered (overall great success, 3 students did not receive credit due to attendance).

**04 B. Overview of Teaching & Learning 2024-2025**

Among the items discussed in this evening's presentation were;

- October - Student Learning Update and School Goals - Elementary (SBA data, possible Fall Aimsweb data, elementary principles will discuss goals and strategy maps)
- November - Student Learning Update and School Goals - Secondary (Fall Aimsweb data for grades 5-8, Spring SBA data for grades 5-8, Spring NGSS results for grades 5,8 and 9, SAT results and Advance Placement testing results)
- December - BHS Pathways and Guidance - Naviance (new college and career pathways post graduation, based on student interests) and New Course Proposals (based on ECE/UCONN courses)
- January - Leader in Me - WIS (based on Social and Emotional and student voice) and K-4 Math Textbook Selection Process (committee members, different resources looked into, what teachers found when they were piloting the resources)
- February - HMM (new core ELA resource) into Reading Update (teaching with integrity)
- March - Student Learning Update for K-8 (Winter Aimsweb data and possible PSA data from BHS)
- April - STEM Update (5th through 12th grade)and Safe School Climate Update (revised School Climate Plan facilitated by Dianne Dadio)
- May - Student Celebrations: Class of '25 Future Plans (post secondary plans for BHS seniors)

Ms. Moran noted that these items are subject to change

**ADJOURN**

**05 MOTION (DeLucia/Tiernan) to adjourn.**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Berdon adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting is:  
October 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meaghan DeLucia, Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich