



**Twinsburg City School District
Curriculum/Technology Committee Meeting
December 9, 2019 6:00 - 7:30 PM
R.B. Chamberlin Middle School Media Center**



1. Welcome and updates, **Jennifer Farthing**, Director of Curriculum
 - Planning for January 6, 2020 Professional Development day
 - Strategic Plan was approved; working on Action Items
 - DOK and Visible Learning: teachers gaining clarity regarding importance of breaking down standards

2. Adoption of Brain Power curriculum by National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) – R.B. Chamberlin Middle School and Twinsburg High School. **Nancy Pommerening**, Executive Director, Drug Awareness and Prevention, Inc.
 - Goal is to lessen the demand for illicit drugs through education and prevention strategies
 - K-12 program; we will begin with Middle and High School education
 - Aligns to National Science and Health Standards
 - Interactive
 - Classroom instruction based on the Theory of Reasoned Action
 - Incorporates “media literacy”
 - Includes online lessons, parent newsletter, and student magazine
 - Pre and Post tests provide metrics on growth of knowledge
 - Phases out Too Good For Drugs program currently in place

The Committee voted unanimously to present it to the Board for approval.

3. Adoption of an amendment to Music Production and Design Course of Study – adding a capstone project - at Twinsburg High School. **Dr. Laura Hebert**, Principal, and **Randall Lanoue**, Music Teacher, Twinsburg High School.
 - Course of Study previously approved in February 2019
 - Adding a culminating capstone project, specifically the spring musical
 - Capstone participation may include: performance, staging, costume design, sound design, lighting, marketing, and/or stage crew

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4. Adoption of an amendment to Advanced Vocal Performance Techniques Course of Study at Twinsburg High School. **Dr. Laura Hebert** and **Randall Lanoue**.
 - Elective course for a fall and spring credit; aligns to match current instrumental classes
 - Course requires an audition and instructor approval
 - Option to take course for honors credit
 - Provides opportunities for expert adjudication and industry connections
 - Students will explore the creative aspects of the vocal performance realm
 - Provides additional elective for the Art Honors Diploma

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5. Adoption of Social Emotional Learning Standards, **Dr. Andrea Walker**, Director of Student Wellness.
 - Standards were approved by the State in June 2019
 - State has begun providing some funding for the program
 - Curriculum is K-12
 - 5 components:
 - Self-awareness
 - Self-management
 - Responsible decision-making skills
 - Relationship skills
 - Social awareness
 - Goal is to assist graduates in being productive and effective members of society
 - Adopting standards now and will begin adopting programs later this year

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Upcoming Meeting: February 10, 2019

Please contact me with questions, ideas, or concerns:
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Thank you for your participation!

