



Twinsburg City School District  
Curriculum/Technology Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2022 6:00-7:30 PM  
Twinsburg High School - LGI



1. District Curriculum Updates

- Working through the 5-year strategic plan with a focus on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning and Culture and Climate for this Committee. All 5 building teams have met for first quarter updates.
- Summer Reading Camp was held in July/August 2022, hosting approximately 100 students in grades kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> who got a boost on reading skills prior to school starting.
- National Assessment Day was Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Freshman and Sophomores took the Pre-ACT and Juniors too the PSAT.
- Professional development topics have been varied but always related to our Strategic Plan. The next Professional Development Day for the District is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> where our staff members will collaborate with their professional learning community.
- Teachers are continuing to refine the Curriculum Maps.
- We are working through Highly Qualified Student Data as part of the evaluation system. This has been added in addition to OTES 2.0.
- The District is beginning to roll out the Structured Literacy program to help teach reading in the District.

2. Role of the District Curriculum/Technology Committee, **Jennifer Farthing**, Director of Curriculum

- A sub-committee of the BOE consisting of parents, teachers, BOE members, community members, and administration
- Evaluated and piloted materials are presented; once approved, they are recommended to the Board for final approval, followed by professional development for teachers and implementation
- Meetings are held four times during the year

3. Adoption of *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James for 10<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English published by The Modern Library, copyright 1991. ISBN: 9780486266848. **Elizabeth Teeter**, English Teacher.

- "World's Greatest Ghost Story"
- Uncovers an unreliable character who builds tension and suspense
- Introduces Gothic elements to help prepare students for books in 11<sup>th</sup> grade

4. Informational presentation on Structured Literacy, Jennifer Farthing, Director of Curriculum

- TCSD is shifting from Balanced Literacy to Structured Literacy
- Not focusing on Guided Reading Levels in grades K-3
- Structured Literacy is an application based on evidence from the Science of Reading
- The Elements of Structures Literacy include Phonology, Sound-Symbol Association, Syllable Instruction, Morphology, Syntax, and Semantics

5. Upcoming Meetings: January 23, 2023, April 17, 2023 and June 5, 2023