



**Twinsburg City School District**  
**Curriculum/Technology Committee Meeting**  
**April 12, 2021 6:00-7:30 PM**  
**Virtual via Google Meet**



1. Welcome and updates, **Jennifer Farthing**, Director of Curriculum
  - Blue Ribbon Schools Committee – Issue 6; Fundraiser information coming soon
  - State testing began this week; staff has students well prepared
  - Summer programming – planning is under way. Information is available on the curriculum website, information will be sent to parents soon
  
2. Adoption of Summer Reading for summer 2021. Changes to RBC Summer reading, **Amy Wilson and Gabrielle Copen**, Language Arts Teachers, R. B. Chamberlin Middle School. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)
  - *Ghost* (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) – is the first of four in a series, which motivates students to continue reading, is well-organized, easy to follow, and includes themes such as friendship/relationships, forming identities, perseverance, and setting goals.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – offering a choice gives a start to the focus on independent reading focus
  - *New Kid* is a new title. First graphic novel option for summer reading. High interest subject material tackles issues of stereotypes and micro-aggressions.
  - *Saving Red* is a novel in verse. Includes themes of family, friendship, and forgiveness.

The Committee voted unanimously to present Summer Reading to the Board for approval.
  
3. Adoption of Krugman’s Economics for the AP Course for AP Microeconomics by Bedford, Freeman, & Worth, copyright 2019. ISBN 9781319113278. **Donna Houston**, Business Teacher, Twinsburg High School. Individual books and digital access purchased. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)
  - First textbook update since the course was adopted

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4. Adoption of Financial and Managerial Accounting: Information for Decisions 9<sup>th</sup> Edition for Dual Credit Financial Accounting by McGraw Hill, copyright 2022. ISBN 9781260728774. **Donna Houston**, Business Teacher, Twinsburg High School. Individual books and digital access purchased. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)
  - Textbook is guided by Hiram, is updated when they update their book
  - Lots of supplemental learning and practice opportunities and applied skills

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5. Adoption of Environmental Science for Environmental Science by Pearson (Savvas), copyright 2021. ISBN 9781418336356. **Shannon Thomas**, Science Teacher, Twinsburg High School. Class sets and digital access purchased. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)
  - This is a popular course! Keeps studies local to Twinsburg/Ohio with digital resources and Google Earth connection
  - Helps students learn to interpret data sets (good preparation for the ACT); Defend Your Case encourages scientific literacy

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

6. Adoption of Inspire Physical Science for Physical Science by McGraw Hill, copyright 2021. ISBN 9780076683048. **Shannon Thomas**, Science Teacher, Twinsburg High School. Class sets and digital access purchased. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)
- Introduction to Physical Science, Chemistry, and Physics
  - The framework builds off of PBL, builds upon curiosity, asking questions, and making real-world connections
  - Online tools allow brainstorming, utilizes claim, evidence, and research; PhET simulations (already utilized in later science courses); and tracking of progress, which fits into the strategic plan

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7. Federal Grants Public Hearing **Tajuana Hunnicutt**, Director of Pupil Services, and **Norm Potter**, Curriculum Supervisor.
- Presentation of funds and update of spending
8. Academy Update, **Norm Potter**, Curriculum Supervisor.
- 56 events already this year (66 by end of April), made possible because of virtual format
  - Entrepreneurial Series, Corporate Challenges, Pilot series, and Mentoring offer a variety of programs
  - Programs and sign ups can be found on the website (within the Twinsburg High School website)
9. Adjourn
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\*\* Social Justice in Literature Course titles to be voted on in June: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds, *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone, and *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath



Upcoming Meeting: June 7, 2021

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