



**Twinsburg City School District
Curriculum/Technology Committee Meeting
April 15, 2024 6:00-7:30 PM
Twinsburg High School - LGI**

**** Meeting Minutes ****

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Jennifer Farthing.

Welcome and updates, Jennifer Farthing, Director of Curriculum and Technology

- OST testing is taking place for students at Bissell, Dodge, RBC, and THS

Approval of January 22, 2024 meeting minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Maria Hamilton, seconded by Lea Travis.

Adoption of Creativity and Advanced Creativity Course of Study. Ryan Merriman, English Teacher.

- Combine creative writing and drama using themes from drama classes
- Project based learning class with presentations to an audience
- Collaborative learning utilizing peer review and critique
- Final project – A showcase presented to an audience

Adoption of Financial Literacy Course of Study at Twinsburg High School. Tom Nalepa, Teacher.

- High School graduation requirement
- Offered to 10th and 11th graders in 2024-2025 and to rising 11th grade as a 2024 summer course
- 6 standards from the State of Ohio; students will be graded on assignments, assessments, and projects which focus on practical application
- Opportunity to invite community members to share their financial expertise with students

Adoption of Honors Physics Course of Study. Shannon Thomas, Science Department Chair.

- Course revision to have an elective that matches the rigor of the Physics course and give students an opportunity to access a class that will prepare them for future STEM studies
- Deepen content coverage using experimental design and analysis, critical thinking exercises, and independent professional development

Adoption of Drill Team Course of Study. Jennifer Farthing on behalf of Ryan Bonitz, Director of Curriculum and Technology. Standards based on Ohio's Academic Content Standards for Dance

- Students try out and are selected
- Three weeks of rehearsal in the summer
- Performances during Marching Band season (including Band Shows)

Adoption of Summer Reading for summer 2024

- Addition of Summer Reading title for Grade 10, Personalized Learning Pathway students - The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey (previously approved)

Science of Reading Review and Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Mandates. Jennifer Farthing, Director of Curriculum and Technology.

- Science of Reading is scientifically-based research about how the brain learns to read

New Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Mandates

- Professional development on identify characteristics of dyslexia and understand pedagogy for instruction of students with dyslexia
- New high quality instructional materials for PK-5 (still reviewing options) – Approval Meeting April 29, 2024 (please hold)
- Approved Reading Intervention Materials K-12
- Science of Reading Modules for all teachers to be completed by the end of school year 2025

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lea Travis and seconded by Maria Hamilton. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Upcoming Meetings: **April 29, 2024 (NEW!)** and June 3, 2024

Proposed 2024-2025 Meeting dates: October 7, 2024, January 13, 2025, April 7, 2025 and June 2, 2025

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