



Twinsburg City School District
Curriculum/Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024 6:00-7:30 PM
Twinsburg High School – LGI



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

- The Curriculum and Technology Committee is a subcommittee of the Board of Education with previous meeting minutes being approved at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2023 meeting.

- Motion to approve minutes by Maria Hamilton. Seconded by Donna Houston.

Adoption of *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak for AP Language and Composition and Honors English 11 Reserved Reading List published by VIKIN, copyright 2021. ISBN: 9780241434994. Candice Wolf, English Teacher.

- Set in both the past and present and narrated in 1st and 3rd person
- Focuses on the other struggles of immigration of adjusting to a new life and the affect it has on multiple generations
- Aligns with District goals – contemporary work with diverse voices (Middle East, Turkish and Greek)
- Culminates with a choice-based assessment, focusing on topics of culture, family background, our relationship to the natural world, the power of perspective, etc.

Adoption of *World Geography: Eastern World Student Edition* for 6th grade Social Studies published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. ISBN:9780544669338. Jamee Markulis, Social Studies Teacher. Includes 6-year online access subscription updated in real time.

Adoption of *Ancient Civilizations Student Edition* for 7th grade Social Studies published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. ISBN: 9780544669215. Alex Popovich on behalf of Melissa Craig and Julie Solis, Social Studies Teachers. Includes 6-year online access subscription updated in real time.

Adoption of *US History Beginning to 1877 Student Edition* for 8th grade Social Studies published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. ISBN: 9780544668799. Alex Popovich on behalf of Carla Saluan and Brian Davis, Social Studies Teachers. Includes 6-year online access subscription updated in real time.

- Selected for its online platform, updated terms and vocabulary, and supports blended learning
- Compatible with Google Classroom
- Appealing to a variety of learners and learning styles
- Encourages higher level thinking skills; including Document Based Investigations at the end of each module
- Frequently updated materials

Update on Twinsburg High School Assessment Guidelines, Jennifer Farthing, Director of Curriculum and Technology. Establish clear and consistent grading guidelines in the areas of:

- Grade Reporting
- Grading Assessments
- Extra Credit
- Formative vs. Summative Assessments
- Grade Ingredients
- Missing Work, Late Assignments, Zeros, Academic Dishonesty
- IEP/504 Students
- Credit Recovery

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Maria Hamilton. Seconded by Deana Sarka.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Upcoming Meetings: **April 15, 2024 (Date Change!)** and June 3, 2024

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

