



**Twinsburg City School District
Curriculum/Technology Committee Meeting
January 13, 2025 6:00-7:30 PM
Twinsburg High School – LGI**



Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Jennifer Farthing and seconded by Emily Hunt.

Approval of October 7, 2024 Curriculum & Technology Meeting Minutes. Motion by Donna Houston and seconded by Lynn Turner.

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

- January Professional Development – three days focused on Science of Reading and completion of modules. Writing and vocabulary sessions facilitated by ESC of NEO so we can all have a consistent foundation.
- Twinsburg High School will have their Educational Options on January 14, 2025 at 6 pm.
- Course scheduling is coming up quickly!

Adoption of Cybersecurity I course for Twinsburg High School. **Jennifer Farthing**, Director of Curriculum and Technology.

- High job demand with 448,000 openings across all states and all sectors; over 2,100 jobs open in Cleveland area alone.
- Career paths available in all levels, from entry-level to advanced-level.
- Twinsburg City School District will partner with Paradigm (similar to Project Lead the Way) who will support the District in partnership and help with competitions.
- Learning Model is aligned to standards, guided by the industry, with a play, learn, perform approach. Certifications and competitions with preparations for an internship.
- Course will be open to 10, 11, and 12 graders with a passion for the topic. Students will not need previous experience in cybersecurity or computer science. The class will start in the 2025-2026 school year.

Adoption of No Place for Hate and We Thinkers as resources and support for Social Emotional Learning Standards. **Lynn Turner**, Principal at Wilcox Primary School and **Natalia Williams**, School Counselor at Wilcox Primary School.

- No Place for Hate is a school wide program that promotes diversity and inclusion, addresses biases and bullying, increases the feeling of belonging, and promotes kindness, awareness and acceptance through lessons and activities. Proposed for the 2025-2026 school year.
- We Thinkers is an evidence based curriculum that supports social-emotional development, perspective taking, and self-awareness. Helps students develop thinking and social skills for to become social observers, flexible social thinkers, and social problem solvers. Proposed for January – May 2025.

Special Education Model Policies and Procedures, **Marcy Spence**, Pupil Services Supervisor.

- The Ohio Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities were reviewed using input from stakeholders like educators, parents, and advocacy groups. The State Board of Education approved after a period of public comment and updates were made to align with federal regulations and best practices for special educational services.
- Overall changes included changes in federal and state law, word restriction or stakeholder feedback, clarification or non-applicability to the rules, and new standards went into effect December 1, 2023 with guidance published June 2024.

Motion to adjourn at 6:51pm by Jennifer Brunton and seconded by Kelli McCorvey.

Upcoming Meetings: April 7, 2025 and June 2, 2025

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