



**Twinsburg City School District
Curriculum/Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2022 6:00-7:30 PM
Twinsburg High School - LGI**



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

Thank you for joining us! We have not missed a beat since the last day of school. We have students on campus for Credit Recovery, Lights, Camera, Campers!, and Summer STEM Squad. Additionally we are preparing for intervention at the end of July. We are wrapping up this year with Equity and Strategic Planning finalization. Teachers have been working on Courses of Study and participating in Professional Development! Soon we will be gearing up for 2022-2023 planning!

1. Adoption of *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls for Honors 9th Grade Language Arts by Scribner, copyright 2006. ISBN: 9780743247542. **Wyatt Monteith**, English Teacher. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)

Mr. Monteith presented *The Glass Castle* for the 9th Grade Honors English Language Arts Reserved Reading List. This Non-Fiction work would be part of the choice unit. The title is relatable to students showing life in an unconventional way. There is poverty, sadness, guilt, sense of resilience, and unsurmountable odds for the nomadic family. Mr. Monteith will frontload the students for the reality this family faces. The adoption passed the Curriculum/Technology Committee.

2. Adoption of *I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education* by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb for Honors 9th Grade Language Arts by Back Bay Books, copyright 2015. ISBN: 9780316322423. **Wyatt Monteith**, English Teacher. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)
3. Adoption of *I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)* by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick for Honors 9th Grade Language Arts by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, copyright 2016. ISBN: 9780316327916. **Wyatt Monteith**, English Teacher. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)

Mr. Monteith presented both titles to the Committee for approval for 9th Grade Honors English Language Arts Reserved Reading List. They are based on the same story but one provides more insight into the cultural perspective of Malala's home country. Students will be able to select either title as part of the choice unit. Malala was the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. The adoption passed the Curriculum/Technology Committee.

4. Adoption of Connections Course of Study, **Alex Popovich**, Curriculum Supervisor. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)

Mr. Popovich presented the Course of Study for the Connections Course at Twinsburg High School. The Course of Study is broken down into session topics as the students are preparing to go out into their placements. Some of the topics include: soft skills, reliability, work ethic, punctuality, team work, critical thinking, etc. Possible activities may include: speakers, role play exercises, mock interviews, journaling, portfolio creation, etc. The adoption passed the Curriculum/Technology Committee.

5. Adoption of Social Emotional Learning Curriculum, **Andrea C. Walker**, Director of Student Wellness. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)

Dr. Walker reviewed the need for the continued focus on Social Emotional Learning in the 2022-2023 School Year. The Social Emotional Learning Standards support students at every point in the school year. Dr. Walker provided examples from the WhyTry Curriculum (www.whytry.org) for grades 4-9 and Scholastic Teachables (www.teachables.scholastic.com) for grades K-3. Lessons from both of these programs will be reserved for certain grade levels. Dr. Walker and Committee members will update the Course of Study to include the activities for each of the grade levels and return to the Committee for approval.

6. Adoption of District Wide Courses of Study. **Jennifer Farthing and Alex Popovich**, Curriculum Department. (Requires recommendation from the District Curriculum/Technology Committee.)

Mrs. Farthing and Mr. Popovich jointly presented the Courses of Study for approval. The Course of Study document includes time of the year, Learning Standards, Assessments/Activities, and Materials. The majority of PK-12 courses were completed for approval. The documents will be polished and placed on the website. The intention is that documents are 'living documents' and will always be updated. The adoption passed the Curriculum/Technology Committee.

If you are interested in returning to the Committee for the 2022-2023 school year, please reach out to Dana Kennedy at dkennedy@twinsburgcsd.org

2022 - 2023 Meeting Dates: October 17, 2022 - January 23, 2023 - April 17, 2023 - June 5, 2023

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