BOE Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
4:00 p.m.  
Training Room - 201  
Central Administrative Offices

AGENDA:

Call to order: 4:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Anne Gaydos, Mark Holden, Kate Kutash, Tom Minotti, Darlisa Ritter, Kathy Yolish, Lorraine Rossner, Chris Clouet, Gavi Ziu-Pires, Victoria White, and Deb Keller

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Approval of November 13, 2018 meeting minutes – Tom Minotti 1st, Kate Kutash 2nd
- Approval of December 11, 2018 meeting agenda – Tom Minotti 1st, Kate Kutash 2nd

Public session: No one from the public wished to speak

Agenda Items:

Defined Stem – General Overview of this year’s rollout

Vicky White & Gavi Ziu-Pires

Defined STEM – Google Slide presentation is attached to the meeting minutes

This is our pilot year with this platform – collecting data on the use of cross content areas of Science, Tech, Reading/Writing, Engineering, Math, & Science

Embedding 21st Century Skills as well as incorporating Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Curriculum among other skills used within the components of the task

See lesson components in the presentation

FYI - 2018-19 Academic School Calendar Draft

As an FYI - Distribution of the “Draft” Academic Calendar for next year 2019-20. Calendar has been submitted for review by Administration to collect feedback on any changes/suggestions for implementation. The calendar will be presented to BOE at the January meeting.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Welcome to Gavi Ziu-Pires to the appointment of STEM Supervisor

District Initiatives are coming together – ex. Business Initiatives Meeting recently held regarding what business needs from school district to be successful in later life.

Chairperson's Comments: Note on next month’s meeting will change location to SIS

Comments or Suggestions from Committee Members: None were suggested
Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting Date:
- Tuesday, January 15, 2019
- 4:00 p.m.
- Location – Shelton Intermediate School -
- Suggestion to MOVE the meeting to Shelton Intermediate School to view “real-life” instructional spaces in the educational environment
- Meeting Place to be determined and shared in reminder invitation

Tentative Agenda:
- Modern Instructional Spaces – Victoria White, Ken Saranich
- New Course Presentation – SHS – Beth Smith

Adjournment: 5:03 p.m.
Defined STEM:
Creating Authentic Learning through Project-Based Learning Tasks

Shelton Public Schools
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Victoria White & Gavriela Ziu-Pires

Adopted from:

Defined Learning
What is DefinedSTEM? What does DS provide?

- Online, authentic, project-based learning
- Engaging real-world content
- Focus on critical thinking and problem solving
- Supplemental to current curriculum
- Enhances current teaching and learning
- Weave throughout your core instruction
What is Project-Based Learning?

Definition: A dynamic approach to teaching in which students explore real-world problems and challenge
Future Ready Skills

- Collaborative Culture
- Creative Thinking
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Globalization Skills
- Financial, Economic, & Business Literacy
- Entrepreneurial & Civic Literacy
- Technologically Able
CONNECTING CLASSROOMS TO THE REAL WORLD

Defined STEM is a K-12 project based learning solution that provides engaging, authentic lessons built around careers. Our cross-curricular projects provide opportunities for students to deepen understanding and apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios.
**SHELTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR 2019-2020**

### Important Dates

- **School begins for staff only**: August 27
- **Professional Development Days (PD)**: Aug 28, 29, Oct 23, 29, Nov 5, 22, 26
- **March 6, 13, 20, 27**: Last 4 Days of School

#### Early Dismissal Days

- **October 25, 29**: Day after Conferences
- **November 22, 26**: Day after Conferences
- **December 20**: Day before Recess
- **March 6, 13, 20, 27**: Days after Conferences

#### Important Days/Holidays

- **November 7**: Columbus Day
- **November 10**: Election Day
- **November 28-29**: Thanksgiving Recess
- **December 23-31**: Holiday Recess
- **January 1**: Holiday Recess
- **January 20**: MLK Jr. Day
- **February 14, 17**: Presidents’ Day
- **April 10**: Good Friday
- **April 13-17**: Spring Recess
- **May 25**: Memorial Day

### Marking Periods

#### Grades K-4

- **November 27**: 60 Days
- **March 9**: 60 Days
- **June 11**: 61 Days

#### Grades 5-12

- **November 6**: 45 Days
- **January 23**: 45 Days
- **March 30**: 45 Days
- **June 11**: 46 Days

#### Parent Conferences

- **Grades K-4**: Oct. 24, 28, March 19, 26
- **Grades 5-12**: Nov. 21, 25, March 5, 12

#### “Back to School Night” Schedule

- **PH (5)**: 9/24
- **PH (6)**: 9/25
- **BH**: 9/24
- **ESS**: 9/11
- **LH**: 9/12

**Notes:**

- **Rosh Hashanah**: 10/1 & 9/30
- **Yom Kippur**: 10/9

**SHS Mid-terms will be scheduled in January**

- **Kindergarten registration dates**: TBA

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**Weather related cancellation days will be added to the end of the school year. Faculty, staff and students should plan to attend school on these days. “NO SCHOOL” announcements will be made on radio stations WICC, WEBE, WHKX & WPLR, as well as TV channels WTNH (8), WVTI (38), WTIC (FOX 61), and the automated emergency calling system in the case of early dismissal of students.**

**Approved _______**