

**TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT**

Curriculum Subcommittee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education
Trumbull High School
Athletics Conference Room
Regular Meeting – October 17, 2014

Called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Members Present: Mike Ward, Board Member
Rosemary Seaman, Board Member
Joseph Peddle, Board Member
Linda S. Paslov, Ed.D., Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessments

Invited Guests: Jessica Spillane (Trumbull High School English Department Chair)
Keif Doyle (Trumbull High School English Teacher)

1. Approval/Minutes of September 12, 2014 Meeting
Mr. Ward moved to accept the minutes; Dr. Paslov seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Supplemental Novels for Peace, Protest and Tolerance Course
 - a. *Maus* by Art Spiegelman
 - *graphic novel; Mr. Doyle taught it in Bridgeport in 8th grade*
 - *students loved the book, incorporates Art, powerful story, not just about the Holocaust*
 - *this book is also frequently utilized in college courses – Political Science, especially*
 - *CCSS – requires students to make sense out of various “texts” (includes literature, nonfiction, poems, art, other media, etc.)*

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- b. *War* by Sebastian Junger
 - *in the outpost, lost 50 soldiers;*
 - *so many survived, try to reenter life, be normal, cannot (PTSD), forever affected*

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- c. *The Good Soldiers* by David Finkel
 - *language - in "soldiers' words"*
 - *written by world class journalist*
 - *won the Pulitzer Prize*
 - *Message: War is vulgar, cannot sanitize it! Ugly, evil*

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d. *Operation Homecoming* by Andrew Carroll

- *Various texts written by people who needed to tell their story – “healing thing”!*
 - i. *result of a major initiative launched by the National Endowment for the Arts to bring distinguished writers to military bases to inspire U.S. soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and their families to record their wartime experiences.*
- *Mental health issues*
- *Focus on pride*
- *Voice - return from war feeling you do not have a voice*
- *Telling their stories is cathartic; otherwise, they [stories] will die within them*
- *Kids read and are affected by it, but cannot truly grasp it*
- *Enrapturing - feel like they are there*
- *Students will participate in a VA trip on Monday - opportunity to hear stories from veterans*

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3. Textbook Requests:

- None

4. Future meeting dates: All Fridays @ 8:00AM (some precede an *Elementary Principals Meeting at 9:00AM, so must last less than 1 hour)

- a. *November 7, 2014 [music curriculum guides]
- b. None? (Budget season)

5. Other

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.