

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Trumbull High School Main Office Conference Room
Thursday, December 7, 2016 – 8:15 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:15 a.m.

Members present

M. Petitti, chair
L. Timpanelli
M. Ward
J. Budd, Ph.D., ex officio

Other

K. Rubano, Trumbull High School social studies department chair
B. Brienza, Trumbull High School social studies teacher
S. Lavorgna-Lye, Trumbull High School world languages department chair
B. Brust, Trumbull High School Latin teacher
P. Gunsolley, Hillcrest Middle School team leader for mathematics
C. Rusate, Trumbull High School business education department chair
T. Manuel, Trumbull High School C-House Principal

- II. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.
- III. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting 11/17/2016 – Mr. Ward moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Timpanelli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- IV. New Business
- a. New Course Proposal: Advanced Placement Human Geography
Dr. Budd indicated that approval of several course proposals at this meeting would prepare them for Board of Education review later this month, and placement in the *2017-18 THS Program of Studies*, with curriculum writing and related activities to occur during Summer 2017.
Ms. Rubano explained that Advanced Placement Human Geography would further diversify the department's course offerings, and that Ms. Brienza would

likely be able to attend summer training at Taft School to teach the course. Ms. Brienza noted that the course focus would help students understand geography in a broader sense than they are currently able to. Mrs. Timpanelli confirmed that students from grade 9 ACP Global Civilizations should come into the course only with teacher recommendation. Mr. Ward moved to bring the new course proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 12, 2016, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

b. New Course Proposal: Advanced Placement Italian Language & Culture

c. New Course Proposal: Honors Italian II

Ms. Lavorgna-Lye noted that Advanced Placement Italian Language & Culture would meet advanced Italian students' interest for an AP offering in that language, and that Honors Italian II would be a strong sophomore-level preparation for that outcome. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 12, 2016, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

d. New Course Proposal: Advanced Placement Latin

e. New Course Proposal: Honors Latin II

Ms. Lavorgna-Lye noted that Advanced Placement Latin would meet advanced Latin students' interest for an AP offering in that language, and that Honors Latin II would be a strong sophomore-level preparation for that outcome. Mr. Brust supported the course proposals based on current student success in the Latin program. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 12, 2016, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

g. New Course Text Proposal: *Practice Coach Plus* (Core: Pre-Algebra)

Ms. Gunsolley explained that the proposed new course text would supplement eighth-grade students' mathematics learning, and could be used in school and at home, providing rigor at various levels. Ms. Petitti noted the importance of all eighth-graders being enrolled in Algebra, not Pre-Algebra, over the next two years, and Ms. Timpanelli echoed the necessity of rigor. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course text proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 12, 2016, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

f. New Course Proposal: Computer and Web Essentials for Business

Ms. Rusate explained the need to merge Computer Technology and Web Design & Internet Skills into this new course since much of Computer Technology is known by students before they enter grade 9. Ms. Timpanelli noted the importance of having rigorous business education courses for students at the appropriate grade levels. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 12, 2016, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- h. New Course Proposal: Learning Strategies
 - i. New Course Proposal: Foundations of Reading
- In Ms. Beaman's absence, consideration of these new course proposals was tabled until a future meeting of the Curriculum Committee.

Ms. Petitti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m.; Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.