

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Trumbull High School Main Office Conference Room
Thursday, April 21, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:00 a.m.

Members present

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

Other

S. Lavorgna-Lye, THS world languages department chair
J. Chirles, THS A-House Principal
F. Basbagill, THS mathematics department chair
T. Manuel, THS C-House Principal
D. Owen, THS business education, family & consumer sciences education, and technology education department chair
S. Nicholson, THS business education teacher
M. Iaccarino, THS technology education teacher

- II. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.
- III. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting 3/17/2016 – Mr. Ward moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Timpanelli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Ward abstained.
- IV. New Business
- a. New Course Proposal: ACP Latin IV – Ms. Lavorgna-Lye presented this new course proposal to meet the needs and interests of the sizable group of students currently in ACP Latin III. Dr. Budd noted that summer curriculum writing for Honors Latin IV could easily incorporate summer curriculum writing for ACP Latin IV. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal to the Board of

Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 3, 2016, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

b. New Course Proposal:

Honors Algebra I / Geometry A (Grade 9)

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Honors Geometry B / Algebra II (Grade 10)

Dr. Budd described the need for a two-year accelerated Honors mathematics path in grades 9 and 10 at Trumbull High School for a group of current eighth-grade students whose mathematics performance suggests they will benefit from such a program. Ms. Petitti emphasized the importance of algebraic concepts being introduced early in middle school for all students. Ms. Basbagill and Ms. Chirles explained the planned course design. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the new course proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 3, 2016, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- c. Web Design & Internet Skills Curriculum Guide – Dr. Budd explained that the next items on the agenda come from sustained work this year on curriculum development by teachers in business education, family & consumer sciences education, and technology education, and would be supplemented by additional curriculum guides coming to the Committee in future months. Ms. Nicholson presented the scope and sequence of this curriculum, which serves business education students both semesters, and which includes “actual raw programming” using sophisticated computer software. Ms. Owen described various advanced courses at Trumbull High School for which this course prepares students. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 3, 2016, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- d. Basic Metal Processing Curriculum Guide – Mr. Iaccarino presented the scope and sequence of this curriculum, which serves technology education students, and which allows students to express their creative in a hands-on context linked to metal processing. Ms. Owen emphasized the importance of career readiness and the trades, and Mr. Manuel noted the many applications of the course for students interested in many potential careers. Ms. Timpanelli, Ms. Petitti, and Mr. Ward voiced support for a comprehensive program of education for all learners. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 3, 2016, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- e. Culinary II Curriculum Guide – In the absence of Chef Voytek, who was spending the day on jury duty, Ms. Owen presented this curriculum guide, which, building on the work of Culinary I, emphasizes the commercial kitchen, including problem-solving, business, and catering. Ms. Petitti emphasized how impressed she was by the curriculum and by the entire culinary program, and moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting

scheduled for May 3, 2016. Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- f. New Course Proposal & Draft for Pilot Curriculum Guide: Bake Shop II – In the absence of Chef Voytek, Ms. Owen presented this new course proposal and draft for pilot curriculum guide. Bake Shop II, similar to Culinary II, would build on the basics of baking and develop students’ career-oriented skills. Dr. Budd noted the technical error on the course proposal distributed with the agenda packet; the proper prerequisite is “a B or higher in Bake Shop I.” Mr. Ward noted the clear student need as demonstrated by enrollment in the culinary program, and moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 3, 2016. Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- g. Report, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessments – Dr. Budd discussed curriculum revision work that would be brought to the Committee in future months.

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.; Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.