

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Trumbull High School Main Office Conference Room
Thursday, April 20, 2017 – 8:15 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:23 a.m.

Members present

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

Other

C. Rusate, Trumbull High School business education department chair
A. Tartaglia-Ribas, Trumbull High School business education teacher
L. Acerbo, Trumbull High School English teacher

- II. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.
- III. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 3/28/2017 – Mr. Ward moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Timpanelli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- IV. New Business
- a. Personal Finance Curriculum Guide
Dr. Budd noted the hard work of Ms. Tartaglia-Ribas and Ms. Hourigan in updating this curriculum guide, last revised in 2000. Ms. Tartaglia-Ribas explained the integration of the non-profit Take Charge online program into the curriculum, including its interactive individualized components. She explained that recent developments in personal finance curricula allow this course to help students improve their personal finance decision-making based on research. Ms. Petitti, Ms. Timpanelli, and Mr. Ward noted the value of such learning for twenty-first-century students, and Ms. Rusate connected the course to current content standards. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of

Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 9, 2017, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

b. Journalism I and II Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd noted the hard work of Dr. Acerbo and Ms. Serrano in updating this curriculum guide, last revised in 2003. Dr. Acerbo outlined the four units of the course, including ethics in journalism and multimedia journalism. Ms. Timpanelli supported the students in submitting their work to the Trumbull High newspaper and yearbook, and Dr. Acerbo confirmed the importance of students becoming published authors in those ways. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 9, 2017, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

c. Report, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessments

Dr. Budd outlined plans for upcoming curriculum guide revision.

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 a.m.; Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.