

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee  
of the  
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Trumbull High School Main Office Conference Room  
Thursday, November 15, 2018 – 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

M. Guarino, Principal, Trumbull High School  
E. Spark, B-House Principal, Trumbull High School  
E. Cooper, English teacher, Trumbull High School  
A. Lorenz, English teacher, Trumbull High School  
J. Spillane, English/drama teacher, Trumbull High School  
J. Chirles, Ed.D., A-House Principal, Trumbull High School  
S. Kaminski, mathematics/computer science teacher, Trumbull High School

- II. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.
- III. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 10/19/2018 – Mr. Ward moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Timpanelli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- IV. New Business
- h. New Course Text Proposal: *The Language of Composition: Reading, Writing, Rhetoric*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Core: Advanced Placement English Language & Composition)  
Dr. Budd introduced Ms. Cooper and Ms. Lorenz, who discussed the important rhetorical, argument, and reasoning skills presented in this proposed new textbook via high-interest, diverse pieces. Mr. Ward supported the interest of the articles he reviewed, and Ms. Petitti commended the student participation in the course, which Ms. Cooper and Ms. Lorenz described as very strong. Ms. Timpanelli

moved to bring the new course text proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for November 27, 2018, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- a. Report, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessments  
Dr. Budd profiled the new State of Connecticut graduation requirements, their relationship to the upcoming proposal to the Policy Committee and the full Board, and their relationship to the new course proposals in the arts on today's agenda.
- b. New Course Proposal: Theatre Tech 1
- c. New Course Proposal: Theatre Tech 2
- d. New Course Proposal: Theatre Exploration: Plays
- e. New Course Proposal: Theatre Exploration: The American Musical  
Dr. Budd introduced Ms. Spillane, who discussed these four proposed new drama courses, and the depth they would bring to the THS program of students. Ms. Timpanelli commended the interdisciplinary possibilities of the courses. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposals to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for November 27, 2018, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- f. New Course Proposal: Digital Music Technology
- g. New Course Proposal: Guitar  
Dr. Budd introduced Dr. Chirles, who discussed the rationale behind these non-performance general music courses. Mr. Ward supported the growth of the music program at Trumbull High School. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposals to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for November 27, 2018, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- i. Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles Curriculum Guide  
Mr. Kaminski described the growth and success of students in AP Computer Science Principles, and the development of skills throughout the course, including through two sample student apps he profiled. Ms. Petitti noted the very strong work of students in this important 21<sup>st</sup>-century field. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for November 27, 2018, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- j. Approval of 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates  
Dr. Budd presented the 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates included in the Committee packet. Ms. Petitti moved to accept those 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.; Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.