

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Trumbull High School Main Office Conference Room
Thursday, December 13, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:30 a.m.

Members present

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

Other

M. Guarino, Principal, Trumbull High School
T. Manuel, C-House Principal, Trumbull High School
C. Rusate, Business Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, & Technology Education
Department Chair, Trumbull High School
K. Southard, business education teacher, Trumbull High School
M. Iaccarino, technology education teacher, Trumbull High School
J. Chirles, Ed.D., A-House Principal, Trumbull High School
A. Fattibene, art teacher, Trumbull High School
T. Youngberg, art teacher, Trumbull High School
K. Rubano, Social Studies Department Chair, Trumbull High School
E. August, social studies teacher, Trumbull High School

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- II. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.

- III. New Business

- a. New Course Proposal: Business Finance
Dr. Budd introduced Ms. Rusate and Ms. Southard, who discussed the proposed revision of the full-year “Personal & Business Recordkeeping” into the half-year “Business Finance” to meet the current learning needs of students building their knowledge base in accounting. Mr. Ward supported the business education needs

of the department. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for January 8, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

b. New Course Proposal: Small Engine Principles

c. New Course Proposal: Automotive Systems

Mr. Iaccarino discussed the proposed revision of the full-year “Auto II” into the two half-year courses “Small Engine Principles” and “Automotive Systems,” the proposed revision anticipated to support student learning and student scheduling needs. Ms. Timpanelli commended the diverse, comprehensive offerings of this department and others 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 January 8, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

d. New Course Proposal: Visual Design

Dr. Budd introduced Dr. Chirles, who discussed the proposed revision of the full-year “Fundamentals of Art” and the half-year “Principles of Design” into the half-year “Visual Design” in response to the development of the arts. Mr. Fattibene and Mr. Youngberg discussed the foundational topic-building that would occur in the revised course. Mr. Ward noted the expertise of the Trumbull High art teachers and their students. Mr. Ward moved to bring the new course proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for January 8, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

e. New Course Proposal: Honors Justice & Law: Civil Law

f. New Course Proposal: Honors Justice & Law: Criminal Law

Dr. Budd introduced Mr. August, who discussed the proposed revision of the full-year “Honors Justice & Law” into these two half-year courses to enable greater student scheduling flexibility. Ms. Rubano supported the rich content of the courses. Ms. Petitti noted the rich offerings open to students at Trumbull High School. Mr. Guarino thanked the Curriculum Committee for their strong support of these endeavors, particularly over the past months. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the new course proposals to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for January 8, 2019, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

g. Report, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessments

Dr. Budd thanked the Curriculum Committee members for their hard work and time in 2018, and noted that the January 2019 Curriculum Committee meeting would include consideration of a new proposed text for Advanced Placement United States Government & Politics.

Ms. Petitti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m.; Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.