

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center (TECEC) Library
Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 8:15 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:27 a.m.

Members present

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

Other

M. Wheeler, Coordinator, Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center (TECEC)
H. Hart, teacher, Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center (TECEC)
D. Matos, teacher, Trumbull Early Childhood Education Center (TECEC)
P. Smith, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
1 member of the Public

- II. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.
- III. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 1/25/2018 – Ms. Timpanelli moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- IV. New Business
- a. Unified Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Guide
Dr. Budd observed that this curriculum guide encompasses all instructional areas of the interdisciplinary, thematic Pre-Kindergarten program in Trumbull: social and emotional development, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Dr. Wheeler presented an overview of the TECEC program and its goal of preparing all 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds as successfully as possible; he also described various screening instruments and groupings of children. Ms. Matos presented the 3-year-old program, including the materials used for social and emotional development and for language arts; she also described a typical

thematic unit with literacy as the basis. Ms. Hart presented the 4-year-old program, including key uses of technology to support learning. Mr. Ward supported the inclusion of technology in all classrooms, and Ms. Timpanelli noted the importance of strong teacher flexibility with materials used. Ms. Petitti commended the focus on up-to-date standards for learning across the curriculum. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for February 27, 2018, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- b. Report, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessments
Dr. Budd noted key curriculum guides to come before the Curriculum Committee in upcoming months, and then the Committee members, joined by Dr. Wheeler, Ms. Smith, and the member of the Public visited Ms. Matos' and Ms. Hart's classrooms to see TECEC teaching & learning in action; all members of the Committee were strongly complimentary of the instruction observed.

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 a.m.; Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.