

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Trumbull High School ~~Athletic~~ Main Office Conference Room
Thursday, November 21, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:02 a.m.

Members present

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

Other

M. Guarino, Principal, Trumbull High School
A. Marzialo, English Department Chair, Trumbull High School
B. Beaman, Coordinator of Special Education, Grade 9 – Post High School
M. Landin, special education teacher, Trumbull High School
P. Berlekovic, Agriscience Department Chair, Trumbull High School
T. Manuel, C-House Principal, Trumbull High School
C. Rusate, Career & Technical Education Department Chair, Trumbull High School
D. Richards, business education and family & consumer sciences teacher, Trumbull High School
J. Amaturio, technology education teacher, Trumbull High School
M. Iaccarino, technology education teacher, Trumbull High School
J. Chirles, A-House Principal, Trumbull High School
S. Kaminski, computer science teacher, Trumbull High School
K. Durand, visual arts teacher, Trumbull High School
C. Russo, music teacher, Trumbull High School
K. Laird, Mathematics Department Chair, Trumbull High School

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

- III. New Business

B. New Course Text Proposal for AP English Language & Composition

- *Travels with Charley in Search of America* (Supplemental: Advanced Placement English Language & Composition)

Dr. Budd commended Ms. Marzialo for continuing to expand the canon for AP English Language & Composition with its successfully increased enrollment. Ms. Marzialo described the significance of *Travels with Charley in Search of America* in terms of its thematic connection to the research project AP Language students will undertake. Ms. Timpanelli praised the richness of the text for the goals described by Ms. Marzialo. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the new course text proposal for *Travels with Charley in Search of America* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for November 26, 2019, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

A. New Course Text Proposals for self-contained special education English courses

- *Out of My Mind* (Core: English 11-12)
- *All American Boys* (Core: English 11-12)
- *The Hero Next Door* (Core: English 9-10 & English 11-12)

Dr. Budd noted that these texts continue the development of the English 11-12 self-contained special education course.

Mr. Landin discussed the thematic content of the texts, as well as the text's voices, pacing, and characterization. Ms. Beaman noted the Committee's continued support for rich materials for all students. Mr. Ward particularly commended *Out of My Mind* in terms of the main character presented. Mr. Ward moved to bring the new course text proposals for *Out of My Mind* and *The Hero Next Door* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for November 26, 2019, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

C. New Course Proposals for Trumbull High School 2020-21 Program of Studies

i. Agriscience

- Honors UCONN Large Animal Science
- Honors UCONN Natural Resources and Environmental Science

Dr. Budd explained that these proposed courses would replace, programmatically, the current courses Honors Animal Science & Honors UCONN Equine Science. Ms. Berlekovic discussed how this reconfiguration of the Agriscience programming will position our program competitively with other Agriscience programs in Connecticut. Ms. Petitti commented on the impressiveness of the recent open house for prospective Agriscience students. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposals for Honors UCONN Large Animal Science and Honors UCONN Natural Resources and Environmental Science to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

ii. Business Education

- The Business of Fashion

Dr. Budd explained that this proposed course would replace, programmatically, the current course Fashion. Ms. Richards explained the shifts toward business in the current fashion industry, and Ms. Rusate noted the likely merchandising connection of the redesigned course to the School Store. Ms. Timpanelli

supported the various industry trends occurring. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal for Fashion to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- **Web Design: HTML & CSS**

Dr. Budd explained that this proposed course would replace, programmatically, the current course Web Design & Internet Skills. Ms. Rusate explained the greater coding emphasis of the Web Design course and the rationale for the redesign. Ms. Petitti commended the value of the course for 21st-century students. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal for Web Design: HTML & CSS to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- **Investing and the Stock Market**

Dr. Budd explained that this proposed course would be a program addition to support an expanded personal finance program at Trumbull High School. Ms. Rusate explained that many other districts similar to Trumbull offer such a course, and that it even has built in the possibility of competition opportunities for students. Mr. Ward noted the relevance of such course content to current Trumbull students. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal for Investing and the Stock Market for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

iii. Family & Consumer Sciences

- **Child Development**

Dr. Budd explained that this proposed half-year course would replace, programmatically, the current full-year course Child Development. Ms. Richards explained that the Connecticut standards for such a course can be met in a half-year structure, and Ms. Rusate supported the positive scheduling possibilities that could result. Ms. Petitti supported the positive effect of more students taking the course than before. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal for Child Development to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

iv. Technology Education

- **Advanced Architecture 1: Structural Systems**

- **Advanced Architecture 2: Landscape & Commercial Architecture**

Dr. Budd explained that these two proposed half-year courses would replace, programmatically, the current full-year course Advanced Architectural CAD. Mr. Amaturio and Ms. Rusate explained the positive scheduling effect of these two proposed half-year courses, and the course content anticipated for both. Ms. Timpanelli supported the positive effect of more students taking the courses than

before. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposals for Advanced Architecture 1: Structural Systems and Advanced Architecture 2: Landscape & Commercial Architecture to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- Robotics II
- CNC Plasma Manufacturing

Dr. Budd explained that these two proposed courses would be program additions to support an expanded technology education program at Trumbull High School, and will be linked to an additional 1.0 FTE request in technology education at THS. Mr. Amaturio explained the success of Robotics (I), and the natural succession of Robotics II, including potential competition opportunities for students. Ms. Iaccarino explained the proposed scope of CNC Plasma Manufacturing, and distributed a page of photographs of the machine as well as products that can be made with the machine. (The page is attached to these Minutes.) Ms. Rusate supported the development of both courses for pathway-building for students. Mr. Ward commented on the importance of manufacturing in our current economy. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposals for Robotics II and CNC Plasma Manufacturing to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. Budd noted that the development of these courses, as well as several others, would likely be funded via the federal Perkins Grant.

v. Computer Science

- Video Game Design
- Cybersecurity

Dr. Budd explained that these two proposed courses would be program additions to support an expanded computer science program at Trumbull High School. Mr. Amaturio detailed the anticipated scope of the Video Game Design course, noting its prominence at other local high schools. Mr. Kaminski explained the relevance of a Cybersecurity course for a wide range of students, based on prior student surveying. Dr. Chirles confirmed the excitement of students for such computer science programming. Ms. Petitti supported the expansion of computer science at Trumbull High School to meet student needs. Mr. Ward moved to bring the new course proposals for Video Game Design and Cybersecurity to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

vi. Visual Arts

- Advanced Drawing and Illustration
- Mixed Media
- Sculpture
- Advanced Placement 3-D Art and Design

Dr. Budd explained that these four proposed courses would be program additions to support an expanded arts program at Trumbull High School, and will be linked to an additional 1.0 FTE request in visual arts at THS. Ms. Durand described all four courses in terms of their range for intermediate and advanced study of the arts. Dr. Chirles explained the work done by members of the Visual Arts Department to develop these particular course proposals. Ms. Timpanelli noted the importance of the arts to redesigned high school graduation requirements. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposals for Advanced Drawing and Illustration, Mixed Media, Sculpture, and Advanced Placement 3-D Art and Design to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

vii. Music

- Guitar II

Dr. Budd explained that this proposed course would be a program addition to support an expanded arts program at Trumbull High School, and will be linked to an additional .25 FTE request in music at THS. Dr. Chirles noted the excitement of THS students for Guitar (I), and Mr. Russo described his course approach, including the “First Quarter Guitar Song Checklist” attached to these Minutes. Ms. Timpanelli praised the enthusiasm of Mr. Russo and his students for expanded music offerings at THS. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course proposal for Guitar II to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

viii. Mathematics

- CP/ACP Introductory College Mathematics
- CP/ACP Practical Applications of Mathematics

Dr. Budd explained that these two proposed courses would replace, programmatically, the current courses Applications of Mathematics/Algebra III and Topics in Math. Ms. Laird described the basis for these redesigned courses based on course content. Dr. Chirles compared these courses to others that might be taken by students in their four-year THS mathematics sequence. Ms. Petitti explained the importance of strong mathematics skills for future college and career readiness. Mr. Ward moved to bring the new course proposals for CP/ACP Introductory College Mathematics and CP/ACP Practical Applications of Mathematics to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

D. Approval of 2020 Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates

Dr. Budd presented the 2020 Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates included in the Committee packet. Mr. Ward moved to accept those 2020 Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

E. Report, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Budd noted that it has been a privilege to work with Ms. Petitti, Ms. Timpanelli, and Mr. Ward as the Board of Education members of the Curriculum Committee for the past term of the Board, noting that they have worked collaboratively to achieve many strong PreK-12 program developments, including: the revisions of elementary reading, writing, and science curricula; the introduction of grade 5 Spanish; the revisions of curricula in all subject areas at the middle and high schools. All have continued Trumbull's excellence in teaching and learning, and the influence of the Curriculum Committee in this work cannot be underestimated.

Mr. Guarino also commented on the specific value of the Curriculum Committee leadership in advancing the instructional program at Trumbull High School.

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m.; Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.



-CNC Plasma Machine-



First Quarter Guitar Song Checklist

* = *Must know*

"Standards" / Basics - *Important songs that give us our start.*

- Stand By Me*
- Sweet Home Alabama*
- The Office Theme
- Back in Black*
- Senorita
- House of the Rising Sun
- Somewhere Over the Rainbow*

1950's Inspired Songs

- No Particular Place To Go*
- Blue Suede Shoes*
- I Can't Help Falling in love With You*
- American Pie

1960's/TheBeatles

- Here Comes the Sun

Holiday Songs

- Monster Mash
- Werewolves in London (= *sweet home*)
- The Star-Spangled Banner

Riffs/Melodies/Power Chords

- Another one bites the Dust*
- Iron man*
- 7 Nation army
- Smells Like Teen Spirit*
- Crazy Train
- Wipe Out
- Smoke On the Water*
- Rock You Like a Hurricane
- Eye of the Tiger
- When I Come Around
- Whole Lotta Love