

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Trumbull High School Main Office Conference Room
Thursday, May 23, 2019 – 8:15 am

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:20 am.

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
T. Manuel, C-House Principal, Trumbull High School
A. Marzialo, English Department Chair, Trumbull High School
M. Sagnella, English teacher, Trumbull High School
N. McFarland, English teacher, Trumbull High School
J. Netting, writing specialist, 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
J. Amaturio, technology education teacher, Trumbull High School
M. Iaccarino, technology education teacher, Trumbull High School
S. Lavorgna-Lye, World Languages Department Chair, Trumbull High School
M. Kopstein, Latin teacher, Trumbull High School

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

- III. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 3/21/2019
IV. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 4/25/2019
V. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 5/10/2019

Mr. Ward moved to approve all three sets of Minutes as presented. Ms. Petitti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

VI. New Business

- a. New Course Text Proposal: *Readings for Diversity and Social Justice* (Core: Inquiry into Contemporary Texts and Issues)

Dr. Budd reminded the Committee members of the approval of the new senior English elective, Inquiry into Contemporary Texts and Issues, pending sufficient enrollment in 2019-20. Since that time, over 100 seniors have elected the course, and 5 sections will be taught at Trumbull High School next year. This text would be the key reader for the course. Ms. Sagnella described the planned trajectory of the course, including independent student inquiry. Mr. Ward commended the scope of the text, and Ms. Petitti noted the importance of this type of work for college preparation. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the new course text proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- b. Senior Writing Workshop Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd introduced Ms. McFarland by commending her and Ms. Netting for their significant efforts in revitalizing the senior English elective Senior Writing Workshop. Ms. McFarland explained the importance of writing to prepare for college, and Ms. Netting described the workshop nature of the course. Ms. Timpanelli commended the importance of elective offerings for high school students. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- c. Business Finance Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd noted that the next four curriculum guides represented outstanding ongoing curriculum developments by members of the umbrella Career and Technical Education Department, under Ms. Rusate's leadership. The first, Business Finance, was a reconceptualized course that has attracted healthy enrollment for next school year. Ms. Southard explained the units of study in this course in the financial/accounting pathway of career and technical education at Trumbull High School. Mr. Manuel noted the inclusion of computer software into the course scope and sequence. Mr. Ward supported the modern approach to this type of instructional study. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- d. Honors Applications of Marketing Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd reminded the Committee members that Honors Applications of Marketing was designed to provide an upper-tier course for students in the marketing pathway. Ms. Rusate detailed real-world applications in the course, including to DECA. Ms. Timpanelli spoke to the value of DECA at Trumbull

High School. Mr. Manuel noted the positive feedback from students in this new course. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

e. Digital Design & Printing Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd introduced Mr. Amatore to discuss Digital Design & Printing, a new course taking advantage of technological applications related to digital design. Mr. Amatore explained the recent expansion reflected in the course design, and various real-world applications of the course elements. Ms. Petitti conveyed how impressed she is with the work of the career and technical education teachers. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

f. Transportation Engineering Technology Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd noted as well Mr. Iaccarino's investment in the strongest teaching and learning in technology education. Mr. Iaccarino illustrated key elements of the course with photographs and some tangible student artifacts linked to Unit 6. Ms. Timpanelli praised the work of the THS career and technical education teachers. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

g. Honors Latin II Curriculum Guide

In the field of world languages, Dr. Budd noted that Honors Latin II had been added as a new course two years ago to support progression of students toward Advanced Placement Latin. Ms. Kopstein explained differences reflected in this Honors curriculum, including the move toward more authentic readings, and the inclusion of even more culture and mythology. Mr. Ward supported the range of world languages offerings at Trumbull High School, and Ms. Lavorgna-Lye noted the connection between the program and the Seal of Biliteracy. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

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

Dr. Budd reminded Committee members of this evening's TPS Student Art Exhibit's Opening Reception from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart University Art & Design Gallery. He noted that the June 20 meeting of the Committee would feature additional curriculum guides finalized during the 2018-19 school year.

Ms. Petitti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 am; Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.