

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee  
of the  
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Long Hill Administration Building Conference Room  
Thursday, July 25, 2019 – 8:15 am

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:18 am.

Members present

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

Other

C. Hefele, Director of Digital Learning  
J. Spillane, drama teacher, Trumbull High School  
M. Alicea, Spanish teacher, Madison Middle School  
P. Teixeira, Spanish teacher, Madison Middle School

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

- III. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting 6/20/2019  
Ms. Petitti moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Timpanelli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- IV. New Business

- a. Digital Literacy & Innovations Curriculum Guide  
Dr. Budd noted the significant revision of this grades 6-8 curriculum guide, for the 30-day-each-year course formerly entitled “Information Processing,” to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup>-century digital skills under Ms. Hefele’s leadership. Ms. Hefele explained the three-year course design, including its vertical integration grades 6-8 as well as with the elementary and the high school programs. Ms. Petitti commended the relevance of the topics. Ms. Petitti moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for August 13, 2019, and Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

b. Theatre Performance 1 Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd explained that this revised course, formerly entitled “Drama,” aligned with the expansion of the arts at Trumbull High School. Ms. Spillane explained the new inclusion of the National Arts Standards in the course, as well as the opportunity for students to build foundational skills. Ms. Timpanelli noted the importance of various aspects of the theatre program, and Mr. Ward supported the inclusion of scripts in the class. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for August 13, 2019, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

c. Grade 6 Spanish Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd reminded the Committee members that this course revision was based on two factors: (1) the recent expansion of the instructional program to include grade 5 Spanish; and (2) the expansion of grade 6 Spanish to a 90-day course experience. Ms. Teixeira explained the design of the revised course, including both language and culture, and Ms. Alicea commended its natural order and sequence for language learning. The Committee members shared their support for the growth of world languages in the District. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for August 13, 2019, and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

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

Dr. Budd noted various curriculum writing projects in process this summer, to be forthcoming to the Curriculum Committee in upcoming meetings.

Ms. Petitti moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 am; Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.