

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

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

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Ms. Petitti at 8:32 am.

Members present

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

Other

B. Brienza, social studies teacher, Trumbull High School
J. Chirles, A-House Principal, Trumbull High School
B. Darrow, mathematics teacher, Trumbull High School
L. Cerulli, Social Studies Team Leader, Madison Middle School
C. Collins, Social Studies Team Leader, Hillcrest Middle School

- II. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.
- III. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 7/25/2019
Mr. Ward moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Petitti seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- IV. New Business
- a. Advanced Placement Human Geography Curriculum Guide
Dr. Budd explained that the revisions to this curriculum guide were motivated by Ms. Brienza's recent attendance at the Taft professional development for AP teachers. Ms. Brienza explained the heightened course emphasis on patterns and processes, as well as the changes to the College Board Examination. Ms. Cerulli mentioned the value of the course from her own daughter's experience, and Ms. Brienza noted that many sophomores have been successful in the course thus far. Ms. Petitti praised the strong exam score performance by the students in conjunction with their course learning. Mr. Ward 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.

b. Advanced Placement Statistics Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd praised Mr. Darrow's significant efforts to strengthen the AP Statistics course, including this major expansion to the curriculum guide. Dr. Chirles noted the large increase in course enrollment, and the students' success on the College Board Examination. Mr. Darrow stressed the importance of statistics in our world, as well as the integration of reading and writing literacy in the course. He also noted the growing importance of statistics in other mathematics courses at Trumbull High School. Ms. Timpanelli praised the success of the course by all metrics. Mr. Ward 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.

c. Grade 8 Social Studies Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd introduced Ms. Cerulli and Ms. Collins for this, their third revision to middle school social studies curriculum in Trumbull. Ms. Collins noted the importance of skill-building and active citizenship to this curriculum, and Ms. Cerulli explained the efforts to deepen students' understanding. Mr. Ward noted the value of digital resources for the curriculum, and Ms. Petitti praised the alignment of both middle schools. Ms. Petitti 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 outlined curriculum guide projects likely coming before the Committee at its next Regular Meeting.

Ms. Petitti moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 am; Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.