

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Trumbull High School Main Office Conference Room
Thursday, January 23, 2020 – 9:45 a.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 9:53 a.m.

Members present

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

Other

M. Guarino, Principal, Trumbull High School
T. Manuel, C-House Principal, Trumbull High School
T. Edwards, Science Department Chair, Trumbull High School
J. Curley, science teacher, Trumbull High School
R. Giroux, science teacher, Trumbull High School
B. Beaman, Coordinator of Special Education, Grade 9 – Post High School
M. Landin, special education teacher, Trumbull High School

- II. Public Comment – There was no Public Comment.
- III. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting 10/23/2019
- IV. Approval/Minutes – Special Meeting 11/21/2019
Ms. Timpanelli moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Petitti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- V. New Business

b. Grade 10 Biology Curriculum Guide

Dr. Budd introduced Mr. Edwards as Chair of the Trumbull High Science Department, who has in recent years led the development of many THS science curricula aligned to the NGSS Standards. Ms. Petitti commended the work of Mr. Edwards and the other science teachers in advancing science education in Trumbull, as demonstrated through the results of the recent NGSS Assessment. Mr. Edwards

- noted that the NGSS Standards provided a framework for sustained curriculum development by the entire Department. Ms. Curley presented an overview of the revisions to the Biology curriculum guide, including deeper investigation of key topics. Mr. Ward asked whether the textbooks used for the course are sufficient, and Mr. Edwards and Ms. Curley affirmed that they are. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide for the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for January 28, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- c. **Grade 11 Chemistry Curriculum Guide**
Ms. Giroux noted that the changes to the Chemistry curriculum guide, similarly, represent deeper investigation of key topics, as well as some necessary rearrangement of existing topics. Mr. Ward noted the importance of resources to support the learning for all students. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide for the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for January 28, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
 - d. **Advanced Placement Physics 1 Curriculum Guide**
Mr. Edwards explained that the College Board's presentation of the new AP Physics 1 program a few years back was the genesis for this new curriculum, which guides the work of many students studying physics at Trumbull High. Ms. Timpanelli noted the importance of professional development to support the learning of teachers of AP and other courses. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide for the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for January 28, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
 - e. **Advanced Placement UCONN Environmental Science Curriculum Guide**
Mr. Edwards explained that the AP UCONN Environmental Science curriculum guide matches current standards for the course. Ms. Petitti noted the relevance of the topics to many learners. Mr. Ward moved to bring the curriculum guide for the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for January 28, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- a. **New Course Text Proposal: *A Raisin in the Sun* (Core: English 11-12)**
Dr. Budd noted that this text continues the development of the English 11-12 self-contained special education course. Mr. Landin discussed how *A Raisin in the Sun* will support interdisciplinary connections to students' United States History courses. Ms. Timpanelli recognized the potential of drama for the learners in the course. Dr. Budd noted that there is no budget impact of approving the text, as copies of it (approved for a standard English course) already exist in the bookroom. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the new course text proposal for *A Raisin in the Sun* to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for January 28, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
 - b. **Report, Assistant Superintendent**

Dr. Budd affirmed the ongoing work to revise STEM programming throughout the district, and noted that upcoming meetings would include recently revised middle school and elementary school science curricula.

Ms. Petitti moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.; Ms. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.