

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Via Audio Conferencing
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 1:34 p.m.

Members present

M. Ward, chair

M. Petitti

L. Timpanelli

J. Budd, Ph.D., ex officio

Other

M. Guarino, Principal, Trumbull High School

E. August, social studies teacher, Trumbull High School

J. Spillane, English and drama teacher, Trumbull High School

S. Kaminski, computer science teacher, Trumbull High School

II. Correspondence / Public Comment – Dr. Budd noted that the public was invited to send any comments via e-mail, and that he had not received any.

III. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting 9/17/2020

Ms. Timpanelli moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Ms. Petitti seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

IV. New Business

a. Report, Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Budd reviewed upcoming agenda items for future Curriculum Committee meetings. Mr. Ward asked that Dr. Budd include at the next meeting the chart of revision dates for all the PreK-12 curriculum guides.

d. Theatre Exploration: The American Musical Curriculum Guide

Ms. Spillane reviewed the trajectory of this curriculum, including the ways in which it activates and builds upon students' prior knowledge. Ms. Timpanelli noted the importance of the arts, including drama, for students. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide for the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled

for October 27, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

b. Honors Justice & Law: Criminal Law Curriculum Guide

Mr. August discussed the scope of this curricular revision, including its connection to current events. Mr. Ward noted the importance of current events to the social studies curriculum. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide for the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for October 27, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

c. Honors Justice & Law: Civil Law Curriculum Guide

Mr. August explained in particular the value of the law review article to this civil law curriculum. Ms. Timpanelli supported the value of extended writing for students. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide for the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for October 27, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

e. Cybersecurity Curriculum Guide

Mr. Kaminski explained the current design of the curriculum based upon a simulation methodology. Ms. Petitti praised the growth of STEM electives at Trumbull High School, and Ms. Timpanelli encouraged continued integration with advancing technology resources at THS. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide for the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for October 27, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Ms. Timpanelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m.; Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.