

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee
of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Special Meeting

Via Audio Conferencing
Monday, November 30, 2020 – 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 11:31 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

M. Manner, science teacher, Trumbull High School

L. Costantini, Spanish teacher, Trumbull High School

J. Conti, Italian teacher, Trumbull High School

C. Siano, A-House Principal, Trumbull High School

K. Laird, Mathematics Department Chair, Trumbull High School

D. Shevlin, mathematics teacher, Trumbull High School

1 member of the Public

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 – Special Meeting 11/5/2020

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

IV. New Business

b. Anatomy & Physiology Curriculum Guide – Ms. Manner explained the importance of this course to students potentially entering health or medical fields after high school,

and Mr. Edwards explained how the curriculum has allowed students of various capabilities to succeed in this popular elective offering. Mr. Ward noted the value over time of enhancing the curriculum in ways such as this. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- c. Advanced Placement Spanish Language & Culture Curriculum Guide – Ms. Costantini explained the development of the AP Spanish course over time to include more focus on various modes of communication within the six key themes. Ms. Timpanelli noted the rigorous nature of the College Board AP Spanish Examination, and Ms. Costantini stressed the strong collegiality of the entire World Languages Department. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- e. Honors Algebra II Curriculum Guide – Ms. Shevlin explained this course’s focus on functions, including more sophisticated word problems in the context of the new textbook. Ms. Laird noted the strength of advanced mathematics students at THS. Ms. Petitti observed the significant rigor of Honors Algebra II, and commended the Department’s focus on this population of students. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- d. Italian II Curriculum Guide – Ms. Conti detailed the ways in which the Italian II course provides comprehensive foundational skills for Italian language and culture learning. She noted that the new *Sentieri* textbook allows even greater student sophistication, and that the students are proud of their work. Mr. Manuel commended the World Languages Department for its work on this and other curriculum guides over time. Ms. Timpanelli noted the value of writing and reading to the world languages courses. Ms. Timpanelli moved to bring the curriculum guide to the Board of Education for approval at its meeting scheduled for December 3, 2020, and Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- a. Report, Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Budd thanked Ms. Petitti, Ms. Timpanelli, and Mr. Ward for their substantial service on behalf of Trumbull students on the BOE Curriculum Committee over the past several years. Mr. Ward took the opportunity to praise Mr. Guarino and the THS Music Department for their recent public performance.

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m.; Ms. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.