

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2021, 8:15 a.m.
Trumbull High School Main Office Conference Room

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 8:20a.m.

Members present

M. Ward, Chair
L. Timpanelli
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D., ex officio

Members Absent

M. Petitti

Others Present:

Joshua Murphy
Amy Harkenreader
Maria Kopstein
Susanna Lavorgna-Lye
Nick Banks
John Evans
Adeline Marzialo

- II. Correspondence / Public Comment
No public correspondence was received and no one presented any public comments.
- III. Approval/Minutes -- Regular Meeting 9/23/21

Mrs. Timpanelli moved to approve the Minutes of 9/23/21 as presented. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

IV. New Business

a. Marching and Symphonic Band Curriculum Guide Update

The last Marching Band curriculum was drafted in 2016. Mr. Murphy noted that he added a third unit to include scales and videos that can be used to collect data on students' skill levels. Assessments by the Connecticut Music Association used for All State Competitions were also added for their standardization. A participation rubric was also added to give credit for student participation in class. The guide was updated to align with current texts used as well. Mr. Ward asked about the performances and Mrs. Timpanelli shared an edit that would strengthen one of the rubrics in line with NEASC accreditation standards. Mrs. Timpanelli made motion to accept the guide and bring it to the Board. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

b. Latin 1 ACP Curriculum Guide Update

Department Chair Susanna Lavorgna-Lye noted that Amy Harkenreader Maria Kopstein are wonderful members of the World Language Department and build enthusiasm for World Language and Latin within the high school. Ms. Harkenreader noted that the guide was updated as well as the thematic units and readings. The Cambridge Elevate Program helps to support the readings and differentiate for students. Ms. Kopstein 2-4 and was able to work with Ms. Harkenreader to align this guide with the upper level classes. Mrs. Timpanelli made motion to accept the guide and bring it to the Board. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

c. Science Fiction Curriculum Guide Update

Mr. Evans shared that the curriculum had to be updated to align with our modern TPS Curriculum Guide. This revision reflects the core elements, but is now formatted into three major units that focuses on the depth. New assignments that allow for student choice in selections, but still allow for demonstration of the concepts and standards, were added. Mr. Banks added that 6-8 sections of the course run each year and their teaching of the course has allowed to update units with insight and reflection. The course highlights classic as well as modern works. Part of their updates to the guide are additions to course of graphic novels. Films are also used within the course to examine Science Fiction around the world. Mrs. Timpanelli made motion to accept the guide and bring it to the Board. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

d. Report, Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Iwanicki shared that there are several other Curriculum Guides that need to be reviewed in their final stages as well as several texts. She recommended to change the date of the next Curriculum Committee Meeting as it conflicts with Veteran's Day. She also shared that students are truly enjoying the new Social Studies course *Black and African American, Puerto Rican and Latino Studies*. She shared quotations from the students submitted by Mr. Cafferty, the teacher piloting the class, as well as pictures of each class. The initial weeks indicate a high degree of satisfaction with the courses.

Mrs. Timpanelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM and Mr. Ward seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.