

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Thursday, November 18th, 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 8:19 a.m.

Members Present

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

Others Present

Christina Rusate
Nick Banks
Adeline Marzialo
Lindsay Armstrong

- II. Correspondence / Public Comment
No public correspondence was received and no one presented any public comments.
- III. Approval/Minutes -- Regular Meeting 10/21/21
Mrs. Petitti moved to approve the Minutes of 10/21/21 as presented. Mrs. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
- IV. New Business
- a. Mrs. Timpanelli made a motion to add the text *Connecticut*, to the agenda for review and addition to the elementary Social Studies Grade 3 Curriculum. The text had been reviewed by the committee and was ready to be discussed. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.
 - b. Culinary II Curriculum Text Approval -New Text Approval for Revised Course: National Restaurant Association. *ServSafe Coursebook*, 2018 — Department Chair Christina Rusate

explained how this new text will allow students to earn a ServSafe Manager Certification which is recognized in the culinary industry. TPS is proud to have a restaurant and program on the THS campus. Mrs. Petitti moved to bring the course text proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021, and Mrs. Timpanelli seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

c. Grade 11 English Curriculum Text Approvals

1. New Text Approval for Revised Course: West, Dorothy. *The Wedding*, 1995
2. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Momaday, N. Scott. *The House Made of Dawn*, 1968
3. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Menendez, Anna. *In Cuba I was a German Shepherd*, 2001

Department Chair Adeline Marzialo shared that each of these texts adds a new element to the offerings for Grade 11 English Curriculum. *In Cuba I was a German Shepherd* is a collection of short stories that can appeal to a wide range of students and objectives within the course. Mrs. Timpanelli moved to bring the course text proposals to the Board of Education for approval at its next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021, and Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

d. Grade 12 Science Fiction Curriculum Text Approvals

1. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Coates, Ta-Nehisi. *Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet*, 2016
2. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Coates, Ta-Nehisi. *Captain America: Winter in America*, 2019
3. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Wilson, G. Willow/Alphona, Adrian. *Ms. Marvel: No Normal*, 2014

Mr. Banks highlighted that these texts add to the offerings within the Science Fiction Curriculum and motivate students to want to read more. Each one Mrs. Timpanelli moved to bring the course text proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021, and Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

e. Grade K Social Studies Curriculum Text Approval

1. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Sweeney, Joan. *Me and My Family Tree*, 2018

The committee reviewed the text and Mrs. Petitti mentioned that whenever teaching about family structure, staff should be sensitive to recognizing families. Mrs. Timpanelli moved to bring the course text proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021, and Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

f. Grade 2 Social Studies Curriculum Text Approvals

1. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Harris, Meena (Illustrated by: Valdez, Marissa). *Ambitious Girl*, 2021
2. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Rosenstock, Barb. *The Camping Trip That Changed America*, 2012
3. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Rodrigues, Andre, Ribeiro, Larissa, Desgualdo, Paula and Pedro Markun. (Illustrated by: Suki Boynton). *President of the Jungle*, 2020.

Mrs. Armstrong presented the second-grade texts, each of which shows the leadership qualities students study within the second-grade curriculum. It was noted that this year's second graders have enjoyed *President of the Jungle* when learning about voting and the vocabulary in this charming story in which animals run for president of the jungle. Mrs. Timpanelli moved to bring the course text proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021, and Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

g. Grade 3 Social Studies Curriculum Text Approval

1. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Burgan, Michael. *Connecticut (A True Book)*, 2018

Mrs. Armstrong mentioned that the 3rd grade curriculum team was looking for more texts around the state of Connecticut at the Grade 3 level. This topic was previously in 4th grade. The new book meets both the level and content demands. Mrs. Timpanelli moved to bring the course text proposal to the Board of Education for approval at its next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021, and Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

h. Student Survey Review for Late School Start

Dr. Iwanicki explained that a communication letter will be going out to the Trumbull Public School Community regarding the exploration of Late School Start at TPS. The letter seeks to explain the three options for which the committee is currently seeking stakeholder input. The committee reviewed the questions and Mrs. Timpanelli requested that the options be put in the order of the time they occur within the day. This change will be made. Mrs. Timpanelli made a motion that the survey, after this adjustment, be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval at its next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021, and Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

h. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Iwanicki shared that the Curriculum Committee was due to choose new dates for next year. The committee discussed that this topic should be tabled following the induction of new board and sub committee members. It was also shared that training for Math Specialists classroom teachers regarding the new elementary math programs was underway and initial feedback has been very positive. District Instructional Rounds at Tashua demonstrated that teachers are maintaining rigor while also differentiating in hands-on ways that emphasize strategy building and the development of strong mathematical mindsets.

Mr. Ward moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 AM. Mrs. Timpanelli motioned to adjourn and Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.