

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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Curriculum Committee of the  
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 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 8:15 a.m.

**Members present**

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

**Others Present:**

Lindsay Armstrong  
Lisa Cerulli  
Breanna Brienza  
Brian Springsteen  
Anna Rizza  
Hope Spalla  
Adeline Marzialo

- II. Correspondence / Public Comment  
No public correspondence was received and no one presented any public comments.

- III. Approval/Minutes -- Regular Meeting 7/8/21

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

Mrs. Timpanelli made a motion to add District Climate Surveys and TPAUD Survey to New Business. Mrs. Petitti seconded.

#### IV. New Business

a. Social Studies, Grade 1-5, Curriculum Guide Update – L. Armstrong shared the process that was followed for the curriculum development. L. Cerulli added the manner in which assessments were included by the writing team and the vertical alignment. Mrs. Petitti highlighted that while well-written, each unit could be strengthened by adding in current events where needed at an age appropriate level. It was agreed that this line would be added. Overall, the curriculum was viewed as very well written for students. Mrs. Timpanelli made motion to accept the guide and bring it to the Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

b. Sociology Curriculum Guide Update – Mr. Springsteen noted that the class is well-enrolled and motivating for many students. Mrs. Brienza shared that they updated the curriculum to include a balance of the content as well as ways in which students could consider positive ways to affect change in society. Mrs. Timpanelli made motion to accept the guide and bring it to the Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

c. The Adolescent Experience Curriculum Guide Update & Text Approvals

1. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Ward, Jesmyn. *Navigate Your Stars*, 2020.
2. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Shout*, 2019.
3. New Text Approval for Revised Course: Engel, Patricia. *Infinite Country*, 2021.

The committee observed that a balance of text is provided to students enrolled in The Adolescent Experience. Curriculum guide and texts were approved. Mrs. Timpanelli made motion to accept the guide and bring it to the Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

d. English 11 Curriculum Guide Update – This guide was updated to ensure that standards were prioritized and different types of authors and types of texts are included within our curriculum. Mrs. Timpanelli made motion to accept the guide and bring it to the Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

e. District Climate Surveys and TPAUD Survey - The committee reviewed both surveys and approved both for review by the Board of Education. Mrs. Timpanelli made motion to accept the guide and bring it to the Board. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

f. Report, Assistant Superintendent - Dr. Iwanicki shared that the updated way of “unwrapping” standards, prioritizing them as well as including essential questions and big ideas as a group a successful experience for the Social Studies K-5 writers. She added that she will be meeting with department heads at the secondary level to talk about goals and needs for the year and how she can support them.

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