

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 10th, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Trumbull High School Main Office Conference room

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction. Motion to call the meeting to order by Lisa Nuland at 10:05 a.m.

Members present

M. Petitti, chair
J. McNamee
L.Nuland
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D.

- II. Correspondence/Public Comment

Dr. Iwanicki noted that the public was invited to send any comments via e-mail, and that she had not received any. Mrs. Petitti also had not received any correspondence or comments. Daniel Durden, Trumbull Resident attended the meeting and shared he was just observing and that he has two students in Trumbull Public Schools, an eighth grader at Madison Middle School and a fifth grader at Jane Ryan Elementary School.

- III. Approval/Minutes – Regular Meeting January 13th, 2022

- IV. Ms. McNamee moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Mrs. Nuland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

- V. New Business

- a. Grade K Social Studies Curriculum Text Approval

Two texts, *Me on the Map* and *We are a Part of the World* were reviewed and discussed. Ms. McNamee asked about the activities that correlate to the standards and if students will be drawing maps. Dr. Iwanicki shared the Curriculum Guide does ask students to create a map. The K- unit goals were reviewed with the highlights and outcomes in addition to the digital presentation project. Ms. McNamee furthered that the choice of a Chinese illustrator for the text was great for our students. Mrs. Nuland shared that *Me on the Map* orients the students and shows students the contexts. The second text seems more difficult and design-wise, it is busy. However, if used with the teacher, it would work. Mrs. Petitti highlighted that the terms pieces of the book build skills for students that they will need growing up. It uses legends, mathematics, and features that will help students.

The team further discussed how students will use the books and how it correlates to their learning.

Mrs. McNamee motioned to move both texts to the Board for approval. Mrs. Nuland seconded and the motion. It was passed unanimously.

b. Review of Curriculum Guide Matrix Draft

Dr. Iwanicki communicated that TPS has a history of reviewing curriculum on a regular basis and a draft of a Curriculum Review Guide Matrix was shared. Members asked questions about certain courses, such as Family & Consumer Science. It was shared that some of these courses may be revised with more specificity after the completion of the district's current Vision of the Graduate work. It was also discussed that other courses are reviewed based on the text availability and updates, such as the middle school Mathematics texts. Often curriculum guides need to be adjusted to correspond with the new materials. Mrs. Petitti shared experiences and that the process of a new text approval and curriculum updates can take time. The Curriculum Guide Matrix will be further revised to be shared with the committee later this year.

Mrs. Nuland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30. Ms. McNamee seconded. The motion was unanimously agreed upon.