

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT  
Policy Committee of the  
Trumbull Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2022– 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introduction – The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gallo at 5:34 p.m.

Members Present

T. Gallo, Chair of Policy, Vice-Chairman of BOE  
M.Petitti, BOE Member  
A. Squicciarro, BOE Member  
Nick Banks, TEA representative  
Paul Coppola, TAA representative  
Camila Turrieta, parent representative  
Tarice Gray, parent representative  
Brian O’Conner, parent representative  
Mike Ward, community representative  
R. Kode, student representative  
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D., administrative designee

Members Absent

Tara Chaudhary, parent representative  
C. Wright, student representative

II. Correspondence / Public Comment –Mr. Gallo indicated that he had not received any specifically for this policy meeting, nor had TPS administration.

III. Approval/Minutes – Mr. Gallo motioned to approve the Minutes of the 10/18/2022. Mrs. Squicciarro seconded. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

a. Introduction and Getting to Know New Members – Each of the members shared a little bit about themselves and their purpose for being a part of the committee. New members and their roles were also shared.

	<b>New Member</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Board	Camila Turrieta	Parent/Guardian Representative	Elementary School Parent
	Tarice Gray	Parent/Guardian Representative	Middle School Parent
	Tara Chaudhary	Parent/Guardian Representative	High School Parent
	Mike Ward	Community Representative	Trumbull Community Member
	Brian O’Connor II	Community Representative	Trumbull Community Member

members began.

- Mr. Gallo has been a teacher in Wilton, 28 years this year. He has been the BOE. Chair of Policy for three and a half years. He is dedicated to the Board because both of his children went through the system and this gives him an opportunity to give back.
- Mrs. Squicciarro shared that she serves on the Board because she wants to support her daughter to continue to get the high-quality education her family moved to Trumbull to benefit from. She is a lawyer that works with policy.
- Mrs. Petitti shared taught for almost 40 years in Bridgeport. This is her 7th year on the Board and this is a chance to give back.

Our student representative, Reshma Kode introduced herself and shared that she is a senior at THS and also here as a way to give back and gain the experience.

Next new members shared.

- Mrs. Turrieta introduced herself and has children here in TPS and has served in the federation of airline pilots. She has driven policy at national and international levels. She is passionate about policy which started when she was an insurance underwriter. She is thankful to be a part of this committee.
- Mr. O'Connor II, shared that he is a member of the Trumbull Volunteer Fire Department, and a perpetual volunteer in Trumbull. He works for one of the largest life insurance companies in the world and has many experiences to offer the committee.
- Mr. Ward shared that he has been the principal of several elementary schools in town and retired after 43 years. He also served on the Board for 18 years. He is on several community committees and is excited to continue to help as a Policy Committee member.
- Mrs. Gray has done a lot of policy and community work. She is invested in Policy inspired by advocating for her daughter as well as CONNECT, a state organization. She works as a Chief Storyteller during the day.

TPS Employees also shared.

- Nick Banks, is celebrating his 25th year in education and the TEA Representative. He has served in the past as well.
- Mr. Coppola is the assistant principal at Madison Middle School where he has served the past 7 years. He was a social studies teacher for 10 years before that. His role is to bring the administrative lens to our committee. The work impacts our day-to-day job as well as that of our colleagues.
- Dr. Iwanicki has worked at a number of different districts and this is her 26<sup>th</sup> year in education. She spent over a decade as a classroom teacher before various administrative roles at both the school and district levels. She remains dedicated to the Policy committee as it provides accountability and expectations that guide the important necessary to meet the educational needs of our students.

The committee represents a diverse group to consider and inform policy through a number of different lenses.

- b. Review of Policy Committee Procedures. Mr. Gallo and Dr. Iwanicki gave a brief overview of the procedures for setting and revising policies. The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) sends newsletters which highlight needed policies for revision by law, as well as those for consideration. Additionally, legal briefs are sometimes sent to the school district. Other times, TPS employees may find a need for a revision. Dr. Iwanicki brings to the committee for review. Revisions are made by the committee. Board members from the Policy Committee then vote to bring to the policy to full Board for consideration. Dr. Iwanicki prepares a presentation for the Board that accompanies the policy. The Board reviews policies in a 1st reading and after 2nd reading, approves, denies, or asks for more steps.
- c. Policy Committee Meeting dates for the 2023 year were also discussed. In addition to the January meeting, the Policy Committee plans to meet in 3/7/2023, 5/2/2023, 8/22/2023, and 10/17/2023
- d. Upcoming Policies. Dr. Iwanicki shared that policies regarding Green Cleaning and Facilities Use will more than likely be on the March agenda.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Gallo moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.; Mrs. Petitti seconded.