

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
Long Hill Auditorium

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order/Introduction. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

Members Present

M. Petitti, BOE Curriculum Committee Chair
J. McNamee, BOE member
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D. administrative designee
K.Engeldrum, Elementary Literacy Program leader
L. Hatstat, Literacy Specialist
J. Olimpieri, Literacy Specialist

Members Absent

L. Nuland, BOE Member

- II. Public Comment - No public comment was received

- III. New Business

- a. TPAUD Survey – Lori Hayes-O’Brien presented the TPAUD survey questions, highlighting the few changes and/or alterations, with details regarding those changes. Most survey questions have not changed since 2007. A discussion ensued. Ms. McNamee asked about information on a suicide hot line being incorporated into the survey. Mrs. Petitti asked about resources available to students, and how, when and to whom the critical survey data should be used. Ms. McNamee moved to approve the updated TPAUD survey questions for review by the full Board of Education. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Curriculum Guide Update - English Language Arts & Reading, Grade K, 1, 2, 3. K-5 ELA Program Leader Kate Engeldrum presented the guides along with Jen Olimpieri (Middlebrook) and Laura Hatstat (Tashua). Mrs. Engeldrum discussed the newly revised K-3 Literacy Curriculum Guide; She provided reasons the curriculum was edited, major points of the work, as well as the process. She also highlighted differences: old vs. new. Mrs. Petitti asks about Bookworms – how are teachers responding to new program? Ms. Olimperi answered the teachers like it very much. Ms. Hatstat agreed and commented that it is aligned with standards, the program makes sense. Ms. McNamee remarked on how much she likes the integration of Science and Social Studies within the program, asked about the make-up of the curriculum writing committee and also the ELL population and their

access to the program. Dr. Iwanicki added the program is in line with the TPS “Vision of a Graduate”. Lengthy discussion ensued. Ms. McNamee moved to approve the guides for review by the full Board of Education. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.