

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Curriculum Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026
Trumbull High School Conference Room

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introduction. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Members Present

L. Timpanelli, BOE Chair
J. McNamee, BOE member
L. Nuland, BOE Member
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D. administrative designee

Members Absent

M. Petitti, Curriculum Committee Chair

Attending Presenters

K. Boland, Social Studies Teacher
L. Intemann, Social Studies Department Chair
S. Lavogna-Lye, World Language Department Chair
A. Harkenreader, World Language Teacher
M. Kopstein, World Language Teacher

II. Public Comment ~ No public comments were received.

III. Approve Minutes ~ Mrs. Nuland motioned to table approval of the 4/9/26 curriculum meeting minutes until the next Curriculum Committee meeting, Julia McNamee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. **Curriculum Guide Update – US AP/UConn Government and Constitutional Studies/ *We the People*, Grade 12** Social Studies Chair Libbi Intemann and Social Studies teacher Katie Boland presented the additions/updates to the curriculum guide, including the incorporation of “We the People” and “Vision of the Graduate” throughout the updated guide. Ms. McNamee asked about the text books they used (*We the People* and *Center for Civic Education* text books). Ms. Boland also has a small library of books in her classroom. Ms. McNamee also inquired how they handle the last unit (#6) – both Ms. Boland and Ms. Intemann responded by saying that well-balanced opinions are required with no political leanings; students use historical documents and resources to look at the multiple sides of an issue. Dr. Iwanicki

thanked them both for their hard work. Mrs. Timpanelli congratulated Ms. Boland on all of her success with *We the People*. At the end of the meeting, Ms. McNamee motioned to approve the updated *US AP/UConn Government and Constitutional Studies/We the People, Grade 12* curriculum guide and bring it to the full Board for approval, Mrs. Nuland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Curriculum Guide Update – *US Government and Politics AP/UConn, Gr. 11-12*

Ms. Intemann and Ms. Boland reviewed the revisions which reflect the change in the AP exam since 2019, together with the addition of the *Vision of the Graduate* throughout. Mrs. Timpanelli asked which parts were UConn; Ms. Boland said that UConn is very flexible and they love Trumbull Public Schools! UConn only requests a syllabus. A discussion ensued, including whether or not the course should be full year or remain at one semester. Dr. Iwanicki inquired about the fostering of other teachers who could teacher this course. Ms. Boland said that at least one maybe two other teachers were ECE certified. At the end of the meeting, Ms. McNamee motioned to approve the updated *US Government and Politics AP/UConn, Gr. 11-12* curriculum guide, and bring to the full Board for approval, Mrs. Nuland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Office of Teaching and Learning: AI committee – Approval of *Perspective of AI Student Survey*

Dr. Iwanicki indicated that more information was needed and asked to have this item tabled. Mrs. Nuland moved to table this item until a future date, Ms. McNamee seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

D. Latin II ACP (Grades 10-12) and Latin III ACP (Grades 11-12)

World Language Department Chair, Susanna, Lavorgna-Lye, Amy Champagne (Latin Teacher), and Maria Kopstein (Latin Teacher) presented the revisions they made to both Latin II and Latin III ACP courses. The Latin curriculum guides were updated primarily to seamlessly embed the Vision of the Graduate requirements. It was noted that Latin III ACP places slightly less emphasis on reading comprehension compared to the honors level in order to best support student proficiency. A motion was made by Mrs. Nuland to approve the curriculum guide updates for Latin II ACP and Latin III ACP, and bring them to the full Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. McNamee; the motion passed unanimously.

E. Italian IV ACP (Grade 12)

Department Chair, Mrs. Lavorgna-Lye presented the work completed by the department, led by Maria Colón. This course guide provides updated comprehensive cultural and grammatical instruction utilizing the *Immagina* textbook and language lab resources. It is currently run as a combined class with Italian IV Honors due to enrollment distribution, a model that has successfully fostered record numbers of students advancing to AP Italian. After thoughtful discussion, Mrs. Nuland motioned to bring the updated curriculum guide for Italian IV ACP to full Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. McNamee; the motion passed unanimously.

F. Special June Meeting Date Discussion

The committee needs to schedule future meeting dates to review an extensive amount of upcoming wellness curriculum updates. Mrs. Nuland motioned to table the discussion of the June meetings. Ms. McNamee seconded motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.