

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

(*Attachments are available upon request from the Superintendent's Office.)

Committee of the Whole

October 10, 2017

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on October 10, 2017 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kim Shepardson Watson, Board Chairperson, at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson
Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald
Mrs. Gretchen Newsome
Mrs. Rosemary Robertson
Mrs. Rita Volkmann (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Mr. Jay Weitlauf
Mrs. Lee White

Mr. Gary Baker

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Dennis Colclough, Director of Technology Services
Mr. Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Miss Cindy Fan, Student Representative
Mr. Michael Emery, Math Teacher, CMS/WSM
Ms. Caitlyn Kennedy, Math Teacher, Fitch High School
Mr. Mark Masterjoseph, Math Teacher, West Side Middle School
Mr. Douglas Manfred, GEA Vice President
Ms. Kelly Donovan, IB Teacher, Fitch High School
Miss Lily Johnson, IB Student
Mr. Matt Krick, IB Student

1. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2017

MOTION: White, Robertson; to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. Discussion of the MYP Program [ATTACHMENT #1]

Ms. Donovan gave an overview of the MYP program stating that the program is for grades 6-10 and basically encourages students to engage in critical thinking. The Board held an extensive discussion of the program.

3. Curriculum and Instruction Council – Math (Algebra 1) Presentation [ATTACHMENTS #2-6]

Mr. Emery, Mr. Masterjoseph and Ms. Kennedy gave an overview of the Math (Algebra 1) curriculum and explained how it is used by teachers. They began with a math exercise for the Board. They also noted that both middle school and high school teachers are agreed upon the curriculum and assessment for the class. Ms. Austin also noted that it is her hope to apply this progress with other core curriculum.

4. Report on proposed MYP budget and timeline [ATTACHMENT #7, 8]

Dr. Graner gave an overview of the timeline for the MYP process and its budget.

5. Discussion of the draft 2018-2019 school calendar [ATTACHMENT #9]

Dr. Graner reviewed the draft 2018-2019 school calendar with the Board.

6. Review of the October 1 enrollment [ATTACHMENT #10, 11]

Dr. Graner reviewed the October 1, 2017 enrollment and noted that the data for the Magnet Schools were not presently available. He stated that he would share the Magnet School enrollments with the Board as soon as they are available.

7. Referral List and Suggested Agenda Items

The Board reviewed the Referral List. Mrs. Fitzgerald stated that she has a referral to the Policy Committee which she will forward to the Board Chair.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, Weitlauf; to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY