

Groton Board of Education
Special Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 14, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Central Office, Room 11

Members Present: Andrea Ackerman, Jane Giulini, Gretchen Newsome

Also Present: Susan Austin, Leslie Forbes

A. Ackerman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. Discussion of new course proposal for CMS Magnet (AV Studio, Broadcast, Screenwriting, Theater, Multimedia Design)

Per the MSAP Grant, year 1 is the implementation year. We need discrete magnet classes beyond Arts Integration. Beginning in September FY19, twelve week discrete magnet classes in the above areas and will be implemented during C Block. This requirement will be brought to the Board at the 5/29/18 full meeting for review.

2. Update on the Work of the Curriculum Council

S. Austin reported the accomplishments of the Curriculum Council which is comprised of representatives in K-12 in most areas, with participants from every school. Discussion ensued on how the Task Forces (ELA, Math, Science) play a role in reporting to the Curriculum Council. The need for a World Language and Social Studies Task Force was identified and will be implemented in the 18-19 school year.

3. Future Topics to Discuss

- a. Revise FHS Course - Academic Lab to Academic Seminar
- b. APEX Online Platform replacing Virtual Learning Academy

4. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2018