

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

AD HOC MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE
AUGUST 24, 2017 @ 4:15 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 4

Members Present: Andrea Ackerman, Katrina Fitzgerald, Jay Weitlauf

Members Absent: Gretchen Newsome

Also Present: Michael Graner, Susan Austin, Jeff Kotecki, Kelley Donovan

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ackerman called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.
2. Review June 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes - the minutes were reviewed and accepted. However, Dr. Graner noted that the MYP candidacy period would begin with Board approval in the fall of 2017 and last until the spring of 2019.
3. Review the BoE's IB Theory of Knowledge Lesson – the committee confirmed with Kelley Donovan that she will present an IB lesson from the Theory of Knowledge class to the Board at its September 18th C.O.W. meeting. Jeff Kotecki and the committee members agreed that inviting some faculty members from CMS and WSMS to the lesson would be advantageous.
4. Next Steps
 - The committee suggested that each middle school faculty be given an orientation to the MYP program at the October 3rd faculty meetings. Dr. Graner, Jeff Kotecki, Peter Bass, and Susan Austin will develop an initial plan to brief the faculties. They will then meet with Kelley Donovan to review and revise the MYP information.
 - October 10 C.O.W. Meeting – as a follow-up to the September 18th IB lesson, the committee will conduct a question and answer session with the Board of Education at the first C.O.W. meeting in October. Dr. Graner will present the budget and timeline for the program. Peter Bass, Matt Brown, Jeff Kotecki, and Kelley Donovan will also provide information regarding the middle years program. The committee also requested that Kelley attempt to arrange for students to attend the October 10th C.O.W. meeting to provide student perspective on the IB program.
 - October 23 BoE Meeting – the Ad Hoc Middle School Program Review Committee plans to request an official vote at the October BoE meeting regarding the MYP application.
5. Next Meeting Date – October 5, 2017 at 4:15 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.