

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

December 12, 2016

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Groton Board of Education was held on December 12, 2016 in Room 11 of the School Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Board Vice Chairperson, at 6:08 p.m.

PRESENT

ABSENT

Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Chairperson (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)

Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Vice Chairperson

Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald

Mrs. Gretchen Newsome

Mrs. Rosemary Robertson

Mrs. Lee White

Mr. Gary Baker

Mrs. Rita Volkmann

Mr. Jay Weitlauf

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Susan Austin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Joseph Arcarese, Principal, Fitch High School

Mr. Matt Brown, Assistant Principal, Fitch High School

Dr. Archie Swindell, GASP

Ms. Carolyn Wilson, GASP

Mr. Terry Henkle, MYP Coordinator

1. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2016

MOTION: White, Newsome: To approve the minutes of November 14, 2016.

PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY

2. Presentation of GASP Survey Results [ATTACHMENT #1]

Dr. Archie Swindell gave a PowerPoint presentation of the GASP Survey Results. Dr. Swindell stated that the GASP Survey is done every two year to evaluate the program. Ms. Carolyn Wilson noted that GASP did a mailing encouraging parents to talk to their children regarding the dangers of drinking, smoking and taking illegal drugs and their effect.

3. Update regarding Middle Year's Program [ATTACHMENTS #2, 3]

Mr. Terry Henkle gave an overview of the Middle Year's Program timeline. Dr. Graner shared a 3 year budget plan for the program.

4. Status of High School College Prep Courses [ATTACHMENT #4]

Mr. Joseph Arcarese and Mr. Matt Brown gave a PowerPoint presentation of the monitoring of College Prep Classes at the high school.

5. Update on High School Supervision [ATTACHMENT #5]

Mr. Joseph Arcarese gave an overview of the seven Department Chair's duties and activities.

6. Update regarding the fall Before/After School Enrichment Programs

Ms. Susan Austin gave a brief overview of the before/after school enrichment programs. She noted that as soon as she has received a full complement of the programs, she will put them in a spread sheet and share them with the Board. Mrs. Watson suggested that the list of programs be placed on the web site for parents.

7. Implementation of a Wall of Fame

Dr. Graner noted that he and Mr. Arcarese went looking for the Wall of Fame at the High School. They did not find it. He further stated the Mike Ellis and Jim Streeter are willing to serve on the committee for the new Wall of Fame. Wes Greenleaf was suggested as another reference. Mrs. White stated that she is willing to serve on the committee.

8. COW Meeting Format Review

Mrs. Watson reviewed the new meeting schedule for 2017. She stated that the 1st COW meeting would for normal Board business generated from the Referral List and the 2nd COW meeting would deal with items pertaining to the Finance/Facilities and Curriculum. There will be a quarterly review of the Meeting Template.

It was noted that the January 3, 2017 Policy Committee meeting would be cancelled and a Special Policy Committee would occur on January 9, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., in Room 5

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, Fitzgerald: To adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY