

Groton Board of Education
Special Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.
School Administration Building, Room 5

Members Present: Rita Volkmann, Gretchen Newsome, Andrea Ackerman

Also Present: Susan Austin, Jay Weitlauf, Katrina Fitzgerald, Joe Arcarese, Andrea Davis, Andy Ilvento, Anthony Quatroche

Chairman Volkmann called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. Review of Minutes - The minutes from May 2, 2016 were reviewed and approved.
2. Review of Revised Grades 4 through 10 Social Studies Curriculum - Andrea Davis presented the revised Social Studies curriculum to the Curriculum Committee.
3. Review of Curriculums - The Curriculum Committee reviewed the following curricula and will forward the curricula to the full Board for approval on August 22, 2016. It was determined that these curricula were previously approved by the Committee as notated in its February 2, 2016 and February 17, 2016 meeting minutes.
 - AP Computer Science Principles - Anthony Quatroche, FHS math teacher, presented the curriculum to the committee.
 - AP Statistics
 - AB Initio Spanish
 - Spanish for Native Speakers
 - Honors Personal Finance 2: Money, Banking and Business
 - UCONN ECE English 1004: Intro to Academic Writing
 - Specialized US History 9-10
 - Specialized Health

Additionally, the Curriculum Committee reviewed the following curricula and will forward the curricula to the full Board for approval on August 22, 2016:

- Writing Intervention
- Reading Intervention
- AP Physics 1

Susan Austin discussed putting a structure in place with additional staff to vet curriculum and instruction in a timely manner.

4. Discussion of Other Curriculum Projects in Progress - the committee discussed the scope and sequence of ELA K-8 grammar as well as the following curricula: College Readiness Math, IB Classical Languages, Specialized Government, AP Government & Politics, and Project Lead the Way. These curricula will also be forwarded to the Board on August 22, 2016 for approval.
5. Review Referral List - the referral list was reviewed.
6. Next Meeting - the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

MOTION: Ackerman, Volkmann; to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.
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