

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AD HOC MAGNET SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015  
9:00 A.M.  
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 5**

**Members Present:** Andrea Ackerman, Katrina Fitzgerald, Jay Weitlauf, Chris Dauphinais, Susan Austin

**Members Absent:** Paul Esposito

**Also Present:** Mike Graner

The meeting was called to order by Katrina Fitzgerald at 9:05 a.m.

1. The minutes from September 14, 2015 were reviewed.
2. Review Timeline – The committee will make a presentation to the full Board on October 26 to review the committee’s progress. In addition, the committee decided to hold two meetings per month; one at the normally scheduled time of 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of the month, and a second meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. The evening meeting will be scheduled to accommodate parent participation.
3. Utilizing Already Established LEARN Magnet Schools – Dr. Graner met with LEARN and determined it would not be feasible for LEARN facilities to be co-located in any Groton schools at this time.
4. Tentative C.O.W. Presentation – the committee will present to the Board on October 26.
5. Set Meeting Dates – see above.
6. Items for Future Discussion
  - MSPA Grant – Susan Austin explained that Groton Public Schools plans to participate in the grant that LEARN is applying for to convert existing schools into magnet schools. The grant application will be written in January. We hope to have at least three Groton schools participate in the grant.
  - Magnet School Survey – the committee requested that an online survey be conducted of all parents and staff in our district to gather information regarding interest in possible future magnet schools in the Groton Public Schools as well as information from parents currently sending their children to regional magnet schools.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.