

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
AD HOC MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016  
8:30 A.M.  
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 4

**Members Present:** Andrea Ackerman, Katrina Fitzgerald, Gretchen Newsome, Jay Weitlauf

**Also Present:** Michael Graner, Peter Bass, John Jones, Matt Brown, Kelley Donovan,  
Susan Austin

Chairman Ackerman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. Review May 31, 2016 Meeting Minutes – the minutes were reviewed.
2. Update on the MYP Feasibility Study Process
  - The committee members want to ensure that the district supports equity between schools.
  - Kelley Donovan explained the proposal to begin with a pilot. The committee agreed that a team of five teachers (Language Arts, math, science, social studies, and special education) at Cutler Middle School, West Side Middle School, and Fitch High School will pilot the MYP program during the 2016-17 school year. Those teachers will be given the MYP training and begin to align the Groton curriculum with the MYP philosophy.
  - The committee agreed that the two middle school principals will apply to receive the MYP Head of School/Coordinator training in October 2016.
3. Discussion of the Steering Committee Membership – the committee decided to expand the steering committee to include the four Board members, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Terry Henkle, Kelley Donovan, Peter Bass, and John Jones.
4. Identify Date of Next Meeting – Friday, June 17, at 8:30 a.m. in room 5 (Susan Austin's office).

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.