

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 2, 2016
6:00 P.M., Room 6

ATTENDANCE:

Andrea Ackerman, Board Member
Gretchen Newsome, Board Member
Jay Weitlauf, Board Member
Michael Emery, Director of Teaching and Learning
Kathy Miner, Principal, Pleasant Valley Elementary School
Christie Post, Assistant Principal, May Morrison Elementary School
Andrea Davis, K-12 ELA Coordinator
Linda Cady, ELA Teacher, Cutler Middle School

1. Discussion of how Grammar is taught in Groton Schools

- a. Mrs. Ackerman presented two articles on the subject.
- b. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Cady talked about how we don't teach grammar by itself. But, rather in the context of writing.
- c. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Cady talked about the techniques of teaching grammar that were taught to grades 4-8 teachers during PD earlier this year.
- d. Mrs. Ackerman expressed concern about having a plan on how grammar will be implemented in the district.
- e. The idea was not recommended to go to the full Board for approval at this time.

2. Discussion of how Gifted Children are chosen in the district

- a. Mr. Emery summarized Groton's policy for choosing G and T students.
- b. No referral to full Board.

3. Discussion of After School Programs at elementary schools

- a. Mrs. Miner presented Pleasant Valley's after school program. There were three sessions and each session had an Arts component, a STEM component, and a physical activity component.
- b. No referral to full Board.

4. Discussion of what we are doing for gifted children.

- a. Mrs. Post presented Mary Morrison's plan of using SRBI time to have gifted and talented children work on enrichment projects.
- b. No referral to full Board.

5. Referral List

- a. There are currently no items on the referral list for the curriculum committee.

6. Agenda Items

- a. TBD

Next meeting: June 6th

A motion was made by Mrs. Newsome and seconded by Dr. Ackerman to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY