

**GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT**

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

Committee of the Whole

October 14, 2014

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Groton Board of Education was held on October 14, 2014, in multi-purpose room of Claude Chester School.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Rita Volkmann, Board Chairperson, at 6:15 p.m.

The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Dr. Graner.

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Rita Volkmann, Chairperson  
Mrs. Kim Shepardson Watson, Vice Chairperson  
Dr. Andrea Ackerman  
Mrs. Patricia Doyle  
Mrs. Katrina Fitzgerald  
Mrs. Elizabeth Gianacoplos  
Dr. Kirsten E. Hoyt  
Ms. Mary Kelly

Mr. Joey Schick

Dr. Michael Graner, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Samuel Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Mr. Joseph Arcarese, Principal, Fitch High School  
Mr. Tom Bousquet, Director of Guidance, Fitch High School  
Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, Fitch High School  
Ms. Kelly Donovan, Fitch High School  
Mr. Steven Small, Fitch High School  
Mr. Anthony Quatroche, Fitch High School  
Ms. Karna Hopkins, Fitch High School  
Ms. Lisa Dragoli, Fitch High School  
Ms. Jennie DeLisle, Fitch High School

**1. Approval of minutes of September 8, 2014**

A motion was made by Dr. Hoyt and seconded by Mrs. Watson to approve the minutes of September 8, 2014.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Review of the AP and IB Programs** – Kelly Donovan gave a PowerPoint presentation of the IB diploma Program. She stated that she has been involved in the IB Program since 1999. **[ATTACHMENT #1]**

Ms. Donovan introduced students who shared their experiences in the IB program as well as encouraged its continuation and expansion. The students were: Carloandre Aguilar, Allison Wilkinson, Jacob Kowalski, Vineela Kanagala, and Jacob Carlson.

Ms. Donovan introduced teachers who shared their experiences in the IB program as well as encouraged its continuation and expansion. The teachers were: Elizabeth Porter, Tony Quatroche and Steve Small.

Parents were encouraged to share their feelings regarding the IB program. They also encouraged its continuation and expansion. The parents were: Jeff Godley, David Perry, John Heller, Betty, Leah Kennedy, and Susan Godley.

Joseph Arcarese gave a PowerPoint presentation of the answer to questions asked regarding the AP/IB/ECE Programs. **[ATTACHMENT #2]**

Mrs. Watson asked to see what it would look like to have students pay up front for the AP tests and be reimbursed should they pass the test.

Mrs. Watson made a referral to the Policy Committee to review the requirements for students to take AP test.

Mrs. Doyle stated she does not want another meeting to discuss the IB/AP programs.

The following referrals were made:

Dr. Hoyt requested that Dr. Graner come back to the Board with a proposal for recommendation regarding the future of the AP/IB Programs.

**3. Review of the Referral List** – The Board reviewed the Referral List.

REMOVED – R2014-4 – Report of what existing “on-line courses” are available to FHS students & what other area high schools are offering in terms of on-line courses for credit. (Curriculum)

ADDED – R2013-21 – Discussion of the number of students who graduated after taking the AP test (Curriculum)

R2014-22 – Review of the WESTED Report (COW)

**4. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Doyle and seconded by Dr. Hoyt to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

**PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**