

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
July 28, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
REMOTE MEETING

Members Present: Andrea Ackerman, Gretchen Newsome, Liz Porter
Also Present: Susan Austin, Jane Giuliani,

Ackerman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Review of Minutes:

MOTION: Newsome to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Old Business

The committee review the Roadmap and discussed how it was created.

3. New Business

A. Professional development support and implications for curriculum for Re-entry 2020.

Professional development sessions will support technology, remote learning, safety, health, social distancing, Social Emotional Learning (SEL)/Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Teachers College Units of Study for Blended/Virtual Classroom and the Summer Curriculum re-entry work.

B. What are the teachers saying they need or have experienced?

Teachers have expressed the need for more training on Zoom, technology software, how to record lessons, and more collaboration. The collaboration was helpful during the distance learning as well as the compacted curriculum and curriculum dashboard.

C. What is their input regarding the implementation of curriculum?

The curriculum comes with embedded professional development. There is lesson study collaboration, articulation at grade levels, supported by math and literacy specialist and principals. Teachers know their feedback is important. Teachers get the resources they need and Curriculum is constantly reviewed. It is no longer in a binder on a shelf.

4. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.