

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
October 13, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. *REMOTE MEETING*

Members Present: Andrea Ackerman, Liz Porter, Jane Giulini

Also Present: Susan Austin, Dennis Colclough, Amy McKenna, Jessica Franco (Groton Public Library), Karen Rollins, Marnie Ryan, Alyson Merrill

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

1. Review of Minutes:

MOTION: Porter, Giulini to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

2. Old Business

Handwriting Without Tears / Cursive Without Tears: The committee discussed implementation for preschool, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grade 1 across the district as well as initiating a pilot program of Cursive Without Tears. There was a question raised about what the program looks like in grade 2. Ms. Austin will follow up on what the district is doing in grade 2 at this time and on what programs are available and will report to the committee. Merrill will lead the pilot of Cursive without Tears for grade 3 representation.

One Card, One Community! (Student privacy) McKenna, Franco and Colclough spoke of ways to implement the One Card, One Community! While protecting student data privacy. In light of Chairman Ackerman's continuing concerns regarding student privacy, they will do more research and report back to the committee.

3. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.