GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAY 10, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

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Mission Statement: Our mission is teaching and learning.

Board Goals: In a richness of cultures and with a respect for all, (1) Provide Dynamic Rigorous Curriculum, (2) Ensure Effective and Engaging Instruction, and (3) Embrace Excellent Learning Environment.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. BoE Regular Business
   a. Approval of the C.O.W. meeting minutes of April 19, 2021 (Attachment #1)
3. GMS/FHS Campus Update
4. DEI Presentation/Minority Recruitment
5. Review of FY22 Calendar (Attachment #2)
6. Review Referral List (Attachment #3)
7. Suggested Future Topics
8. Adjournment

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APRIL 19, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, Dean Antipas, Jane Giulini, Liz Porter, Rosemary Robertson, Rita Volkmann, Lee White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Jay Weitlauf

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Philip Piazza, Sam Kilpatrick, Denise Doolittle

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Kim Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. BOE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: White, Porter: To approve the COW minutes of March 15, 2021.
PASSED -UNANIMOUSLY

III. INTRODUCTION OF PHILIP PIAZZA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Austin introduced Dr. Philip Piazza, Groton Public School's new Assistant Superintendent of Schools beginning April 19, 2021. Phil has been an educator at all levels, most recently as Principal of an elementary school; taking on the position so that he would have a solid understanding of students at all levels, as well as curriculum, instruction, and assessment PK-12.

Mr. Piazza stated that he was happy to be in the Groton Public Schools and that he looked forward to working with everyone. Mr. Piazza looks forward to getting into the schools and meeting administrators, teachers, and students.

IV. SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Ms. Austin noted that the Summer Learning Opportunities to be addressed:

- Credit Recovery for FHS students
- APEX 6-12 with teacher support in-person and remotely
- Summer Camps, half day/4-5 days a week (K-8)
- All program will be funded by ESSER Grant

APEX 6-12: Mr. Keleher introduced Adam Diskin who would discuss Summer School. Mr. Diskin thanked the Department Heads and staff for their feedback. Mr. Diskin noted that seniors and juniors have been identified who may not have passed courses. These students can start now instead of waiting until the end of the year. Credit recovery can be provided to students. Enrichment opportunities will be available. Will continue using the APEX program (in person as well as tutorial). The program will run for 6 weeks, 4 days a week.

Middle School Opportunities: Mr. Bass noted that Math and Language Arts will be focused on. There will be a Groton Middle School STEAM Summer Camp (workshop model). It will be intergraded and have hands on activities as well as team building activities. Mr. Bass stated that 10-15% of the population has been identified. The program will run for 4 weeks in July. Mr. Bass noted that students will be fed and transportation will be provided.

The Treehouse Program will be operating out of Catherine Kolnaski Magnet School.

Mrs. Doolittle noted that the program for students with significant disabilities will be held at Northeast Academy. The program will run for 4 week and 6 week sessions. This program will help students maintain skills they have learned. Eighteen 4 year olds are being added to the program. There will be 1 teacher and 2 paraprofessionals for this class. The program will have in person and remote learners. Camp Button will be located at Northeast Academy as well and will provide opportunities for socialization.

Ms. Austin noted that at the elementary level there will be camps for STEM, Math, and Literacy as well as other summer learning for elementary school activities.

V. TRANSITION K

Meg Walker, Transition K Teacher, noted that curriculum has been developed and that the kids love to be in school. The program is located at Thymes River Magnet School. Ms. Walker gave an overview of the Transition K class experiences with the students this year.

VI. UPDATE RE: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOTTERY

Ms. Austin stated that the deadline for the lottery is April 23, 2021. Ms. Austin noted that they did various outreach and communications with families and that they have approximately 300 applications. There will be a second lottery in the summer.

VII. REVIEW OF REFERRAL LIST

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

REMOVED – R2021-5 Discussion of the reentry plan

Mrs. Volkmann requested a discussion regarding vaccination of children with the VNA nurses at the end of the year/summer.

Mrs. Volkmann requested a discussion of how many of the staff has been vaccinated. Ms. Austin responded that that question cannot be asked per FERPA.

VIII. SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS

Mrs. Volkmann requested a review of the DEI committee and a discussion of the proposed calendar changes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Volkmann, Robertson: To adjourn at 6:57 p.m.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Groton Public Schools Student Calendar 2021-2022

JULY 2021				0/0
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

7/2, 5 July 4th Holiday
7/6-29 Sp. Ed. Summer School
Summer School 9-12 at FHS - TBD

AUGUST 2021				0/0
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

8/2-12 Sp.Ed. Ext ABA Summer Session
Freshman Orientation - TBD

SEPTEMBER 2021				18/18
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

6 Labor Day
7 First Day of School (1-12)
7, 8 Kindergarten Screening
9 First Day of Kindergarten /PreK/Preschool
28 TLI-Early Dismissal

OCTOBER 2021				20/38
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

11 Columbus Day
20, 21, 22 Parent Teacher Conference - Early Dismissal(Elementary & Middle)
26 TLI-Early Dismissal

NOVEMBER 2021				17/55
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

2 All Day Regional Professional Development
11 Veteran's Day
16 TLI-Early Dismissal
24, 25, 26 Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER 2021				17/72
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

23 Early Dismissal
24-31 Winter Holiday Recess

JANUARY 2022				20/92
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

17 Martin Luther King Day
18 TLI-Early Dismissal

FEBRUARY 2022				18/110
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

15 TLI-Early Dismissal
21, 22 Presidents Day Recess

MARCH 2022				22/132
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

11 Regional Professional Development
15 TLI-Early Dismissal
30, 31 Parent/Teacher Conference - Early Dismissal (Elementary only)

APRIL 2022				15/147
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

1 Parent/Teacher Conference - Early Dismissal(Elementary & Middle)
15 Good Friday
18-22 Spring Recess
26 TLI-Early Dismissal

MAY 2022				21/168
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

17 TLI-Early Dismissal
30 Memorial Day

JUNE 2022				13/181
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

17 Last Day of School, Early Dismissal
Snow Make-Up Days
FHS Graduation - TBD*

Marking Period	Period Ends		Report Cards Issued
GRADES K - 5	DEC.	7	Report Cards will be distributed within 10 school days after the marking period
	MAR.	16	
	JUNE	16	
GRADES 6 - 8	NOV.	10	Report Cards will be distributed within 10 school days after the semester ends.
	JAN.	27	
	APR.	5	
	JUNE	16	
GRADES 9 - 12	NOV.	10	Report Cards will be distributed within 10 school days after the semester ends.
	JAN.	27	
	APR.	5	
	JUNE	16	

School Hours:

Pre-Kindergarten/Preschool - A.M.	8:55 a.m. - 11:43 a.m.
Pre-Kindergarten/Preschool - P.M.	12:43 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Elementary	8:55 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Middle School	8:05 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
High School	7:25 a.m. - 2:07 p.m.

Planned Early Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conference, TLI):

Elementary School:	A.M. PreK/Preschool	8:55 a.m. - 11:03 a.m.
	P.M. PreK/Preschool	11:04 p.m. - 1:12 p.m.
	Grades K-5	8:55 a.m. - 1:12 p.m.
Middle School:	Grade 6-8	8:05 a.m. - 12:32 p.m.
High School:	Grade 9-12	7:25 a.m. - 11:59 a.m.

Emergency Dismissal: Weather related

Elementary School:	A.M. PreK/Preschool	8:55 a.m. - 11:03 a.m.
	P.M. PreK/Preschool	No classes
	Grades K-5	8:55 a.m. - 1:12 p.m.
Middle School:	Grade 6-8	8:05 a.m. - 12:32 p.m.
High School:	Grade 9-12	7:25 a.m. - 11:59 a.m.

2 Hour Delayed Openings: Emergency/Weather related

Elementary School:	A.M. PreK/Preschool	No Classes
	P.M. PreK/Preschool	12:43 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Grades K-5	10:55 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Middle School:	Grade 6-8	10:05 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
High School:	Grade 9-12	9:25 a.m. - 2:07 p.m.

3 Hour Delayed Openings: Emergency/Weather related

Elementary School:	A.M. PreK/Preschool	No Classes
	P.M. PreK/Preschool	No Classes
	Grades K-5	11:55 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Middle School:	Grade 6-8	11:05 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
High School:	Grade 9-12	10:25 a.m. - 2:07 p.m.

No school for students
Early Dismissal(Parent Teacher, TLI...)
* Graduation date to be determined after February of each school year

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Adopted: 10/28/2019
Updated 4/9/2021

Attachment #2

BOARD OF EDUCATION - REFERRAL TRACKING SHEET

Revised: May 4, 2021

FCM = Future Committee Meeting

Referral #	Date Initiated	Subject	Referred to	Action	Status Report
		Curriculum/Instruction			
R2015-37	12/10/18	Review the assessment of grammar (AA)	Curriculum	FCM	
R2020-19	9/21/20	Review of Spelling	Curriculum	FCM	
		Policy Development			
R2017-6	3/6/17	Review policy P 3520.11 Electronic Information Security	Policy	FCM	ongoing
R2017-7	3/6/17	Review policy P 3543.31 Electronic Communication Use and Retention	Policy	FCM	ongoing
R2018-10	6/4/18	Review policy P 5111.3 Protection of Undocumented Students	Policy	FCM	ongoing
R2018-25	1/7/19	Review policy P 6146.1 Examination Grading	Policy	FCM	ongoing
R2020-20	10/6/20	Review policy P 9000 Rules of Procedure	Policy	FCM	
R2020-22	10/19/20	Review policy P 5112.2 Admission Requirements for Resident Students	Policy	FCM	
R2021-3	3/1/21	Review policy 1330 Use of School Facilities	Policy	FCM	1st reading - 5/24/21
R2021-7	5/4/21	Review policy 6172.4 Title I Parent Policy	Policy	FCM	
		COW			
R2018-18	12/10/18	Discussion of student achievement by sub groups (KF)	COW	FCM	ongoing
R2020-8	5/18/20	Discussion of a regional approach to Transition Academy and the need for an alternative high school and how to support each	COW	FCM	ongoing
R2020-10	6/8/20	Review of Report Cards	COW	FCM	
R2020-12	6/8/20	Assessment of what went well and what went wrong with distance learning and the inequities	COW	FCM	
R2020-21	10/15/20	Discussion of STEM Masters for Diversity (RV)	COW	FCM	
R2020-26	11/9/20	Discussion of STEM Residency for Diversity (RV)	COW	FCM	
R2020-23	10/19/20	Discussion and review of the work of the DEI Committee	COW	FCM	ongoing
R2021-6	3/8/21	Discussion of how out-of-town tuition rates are determined	COW	FCM	
		Finance/Facilities			
R2021-2	2/1/21	Building substitutes for the 2021-22 school year (RV)	Fin/Fac	FCM	
R2021-4	3/8/21	Discussion of the number of students coming from new housing construction around town and how it will impact schools (JW)	Fin/Fac	FCM	
		Miscellaneous			

Attachment #3