

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, Dean Antipas, Liz Porter, Rosemary Robertson, Rita Volkmann, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Giulini

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Philip Piazza, Sam Kilpatrick, Thomas Lonsdale

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Kim Watson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. BOE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: Porter, Antipas: To approve the COW minutes of September 13, 2021.
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

III. UPDATE RE: SCHOOL OPENING/TRANSPORTATION/NEW SCHOOLS

Ms. Austin noted:

- That things are getting better day by day with the cooperation of the bus company;
- With five elementary intra-district magnet schools, parents have a choice of schools through the lottery process;
- There is still a bus driver shortage;
- Students are asked to be ready for school 10 minutes earlier at the secondary level;
- In some cases, afternoon busses are having to double up with students due to the driver shortage;
- Everyone is glad to have the students back in school;

New Schools:

- Ms. Austin said that the new playgrounds and the physical buildings are impressive.
- Students are doing field trips;
- There will be enrichment opportunities during school and before and after school;
- Ms. Austin noted that the State assessment data will be sent to parents in October.

Mrs. Watson thanked Mr. Kilpatrick for all his efforts around transportation.

IV. DISCUSSION RE: THE FHS AND GMS CAMPUS

- Mr. Keleher noted that he has been working to get coordination between FHS and GMS;
- Bussing issues have included Athletics;
- Mr. Keleher noted that collaboration between counselors has occurred between the schools;
- Mr. Keleher and Mr. Bass are looking at ways to share services;
- Mr. Bass echoed all the comments made by Mr. Keleher;
- Mr. Bass explained that the staff is looking at curriculum grades 6-12 with the support of the coordinators;
- Mr. Bass stated that he was able to hold an in-session orientation this year;

- Both Principals are in touch with each other every day.
- Day in the Life – Mr. Bass and Mr. Keleher reviewed a sample student schedule for each grade level; (Attachment #1)
- Mr. Keleher noted that students are not marked late until 7:50 a.m.;
- IB Program Discussion – Ms. Kathy Wilson noted that curriculum coordinators helped to support MYP unit planning with the teachers;
- ED Rising Club – Mr. Adam Diskin gave an overview of the proposed ED Rising Club that will provide the opportunity for students to become teachers. Mr. Diskin noted that Groton had a similar program previously under a different name.
- FIRST Lego League Robotics Team – Mr. Bass introduced Ms. Elizabeth Chappell who gave an overview of the purposed FIRST Lego League Robotics Team including the time commitment involved noting that this is year-long program. (Attachment #2)

V. UPDATE RE: DoDEA GRANTS

Ms. Austin introduced Ms. Shannon Weigle who noted that she has received word that the Department of Defense wants to have a meeting and that Groton is a finalist. Ms. Weigle noted that we should know for sure in 2 weeks. Ms. Weigle stated that the grant is for 5 years in the amount of \$750,000. Ms. Weigle also noted that the Literacy and Math grants are coming to an end.

The Board tabled discussion re: Class Size.

VI. REVIEW OF REFERRAL LIST

The Board reviewed the Referral List.

XI. SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS

Dr. Ackerman suggested discussion of the Board having 2 COW meetings.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Volkmann: To adjourn at 8:36 p.m.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Sample Schedule - Groton Middle School - Grade 6

	Monday 09/13/2021	Tuesday 09/14/2021	Wednesday 09/15/2021	Thursday 09/16/2021	Friday 09/17/2021
08:00 AM	Advisory 6 Panucci, Jessica 204 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 6 Panucci, Jessica 204 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 6 Panucci, Jessica 204 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 6 Panucci, Jessica 204 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 6 Panucci, Jessica 204 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM
09:00 AM	Art 6 Cady, Linda 123 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Social Studies 6 Larow, Kevin 201 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Art 6 Cady, Linda 123 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Social Studies 6 Larow, Kevin 201 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Art 6 Cady, Linda 123 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM
10:00 AM	Spanish 6 Papathanasiou, Eva 202 09:49 AM - 10:29 AM	Chorus 6 Coley, Renee 133 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM	Spanish 6 Papathanasiou, Eva 202 09:49 AM - 10:29 AM	Chorus 6 Coley, Renee 133 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM	Spanish 6 Papathanasiou, Eva 202 09:49 AM - 10:29 AM
11:00 AM	Marine Biology Kirsch, Paula 214 10:33 AM - 11:13 AM		Marine Biology Kirsch, Paula 214 10:33 AM - 11:13 AM		Marine Biology Kirsch, Paula 214 10:33 AM - 11:13 AM
12:00 PM	Science 6 Girard, Eva 219 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	PE 6 Neilan, Keith 245C 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Science 6 Girard, Eva 219 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	PE 6 Neilan, Keith 245C 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Science 6 Girard, Eva 219 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM
01:00 PM	Language Arts 6 Panucci, Jessica 204 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Math 6 Morelli, Rachel 205 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Language Arts 6 Panucci, Jessica 204 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Math 6 Morelli, Rachel 205 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Language Arts 6 Panucci, Jessica 204 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM
02:00 PM					

Sample Schedule - Groton Middle School - Grade 7

	Monday 09/13/2021	Tuesday 09/14/2021	Wednesday 09/15/2021	Thursday 09/16/2021	Friday 09/17/2021
08:00 AM	Advisory 7 Johnson, Laura 314 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 7 Johnson, Laura 314 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 7 Johnson, Laura 314 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 7 Johnson, Laura 314 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 7 Johnson, Laura 314 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM
09:00 AM	Broadcasting Bruno, Daniel 138 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Language Arts 7 Reinhold, Beth 302 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Broadcasting Bruno, Daniel 138 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Language Arts 7 Reinhold, Beth 302 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Broadcasting Bruno, Daniel 138 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM
10:00 AM	Magic of Electrons Beriau, Jacques 417 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM	Multimedia I Curtis, Ash 316 09:49 AM - 10:29 AM	Magic of Electrons Beriau, Jacques 417 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM	Multimedia I Curtis, Ash 316 09:49 AM - 10:29 AM	Magic of Electrons Beriau, Jacques 417 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM
11:00 AM		Spanish 7 Niedbala, Kathleen 303 10:33 AM - 11:13 AM		Spanish 7 Niedbala, Kathleen 303 10:33 AM - 11:13 AM	
12:00 PM	Orchestra Gray, Lisa 134 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Advanced Math 7 Panucci, Robert 305 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Orchestra Gray, Lisa 134 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Advanced Math 7 Panucci, Robert 305 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Orchestra Gray, Lisa 134 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM
01:00 PM	Social Studies 7 Johnson, Laura 314 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Science 7 Browne, Jake 323 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Social Studies 7 Johnson, Laura 314 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Science 7 Browne, Jake 323 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Social Studies 7 Johnson, Laura 314 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM
02:00 PM					

Sample Schedule - Groton Middle School - Grade 8

	Monday 09/13/2021	Tuesday 09/14/2021	Wednesday 09/15/2021	Thursday 09/16/2021	Friday 09/17/2021
08:00 AM	Advisory 8 Quashnie, Laura 402 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 8 Quashnie, Laura 402 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 8 Quashnie, Laura 402 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 8 Quashnie, Laura 402 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM	Advisory 8 Quashnie, Laura 402 07:55 AM - 08:15 AM
09:00 AM	Grade 8 Math I Tier 2 Miller, Jonathan 409 08:20 AM - 09:00 AM	Math 8 Miller, Jonathan 406 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Grade 8 Math I Tier 2 Miller, Jonathan 409 08:20 AM - 09:00 AM	Math 8 Miller, Jonathan 406 08:20 AM - 09:44 AM	Grade 8 Math I Tier 2 Miller, Jonathan 409 08:20 AM - 09:00 AM
	Health and Fitness Neilan, Keith 237 09:04 AM - 09:44 AM		Health and Fitness Neilan, Keith 237 09:04 AM - 09:44 AM		Health and Fitness Neilan, Keith 237 09:04 AM - 09:44 AM
10:00 AM	French I Stover, Nancy 401 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM	Science 8 Shook, Carson 417 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM	French I Stover, Nancy 401 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM	Science 8 Shook, Carson 417 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM	French I Stover, Nancy 401 09:49 AM - 11:13 AM
11:00 AM	Musical Theater Celey, Renee 133 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Automation and Robotics Plourde, Victoria 119 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Musical Theater Celey, Renee 133 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Automation and Robotics Plourde, Victoria 119 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM	Musical Theater Celey, Renee 133 11:18 AM - 01:08 PM
12:00 PM					
01:00 PM	Language Arts 8 Quashnie, Laura 402 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Social Studies 8 Ivonto, Andrew 414 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Language Arts 8 Quashnie, Laura 402 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Social Studies 8 Ivonto, Andrew 414 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM	Language Arts 8 Quashnie, Laura 402 01:13 PM - 02:35 PM
02:00 PM					

Sample Schedule - Fitch High School - Grade 9

	Monday 09/13/2021	Tuesday 09/14/2021	Wednesday 09/15/2021	Thursday 09/16/2021	Friday 09/17/2021
08:00 AM	Int Science Hackley, Katelynn 1117 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	American Sign Language I Rabinsky-Ankrom, Rebecca 3112 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Int Science Hackley, Katelynn 1117 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	American Sign Language I Rabinsky-Ankrom, Rebecca 3112 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Int Science Hackley, Katelynn 1117 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM
09:00 AM	Algebra I Harvey, Allison 1206 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Animation Graham, Glen 2542 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Algebra I Harvey, Allison 1206 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Animation Graham, Glen 2542 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Algebra I Harvey, Allison 1206 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM
10:00 AM	CTL 9 Brayman, Michael 1127 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 9 Brayman, Michael 1127 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 9 Brayman, Michael 1127 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 9 Brayman, Michael 1127 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 9 Brayman, Michael 1127 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM
11:00 AM	English 9 Carter, Jennifer 1108 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Personal Health .5 Silvan, Charles 2106 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	English 9 Carter, Jennifer 1108 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Personal Health .5 Silvan, Charles 2106 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	English 9 Carter, Jennifer 1108 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM
12:00 PM					
01:00 PM	World History Jones, Jacob 2107 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Freshmen Academic Seminar (FAS) .5 Jenkins, Debra 2812 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	World History Jones, Jacob 2107 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Freshmen Academic Seminar (FAS) .5 Jenkins, Debra 2812 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	World History Jones, Jacob 2107 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM
02:00 PM					

Sample Schedule - Fitch High School - Grade 10

	Monday 09/13/2021	Tuesday 09/14/2021	Wednesday 09/15/2021	Thursday 09/16/2021	Friday 09/17/2021
08:00 AM	Jewelry and Metals Leivers, Courtney 2711 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Video Production I Graham, Glen 2542 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Jewelry and Metals Leivers, Courtney 2711 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Video Production I Graham, Glen 2542 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Jewelry and Metals Leivers, Courtney 2711 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM
09:00 AM	US History Reising, Karley 1106 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Honors Geometry Manfred, Douglas Keith 3227 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	US History Reising, Karley 1106 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Honors Geometry Manfred, Douglas Keith 3227 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	US History Reising, Karley 1106 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM
10:00 AM	CTL 10 Morth, Christopher 3124 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 10 Morth, Christopher 3124 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 10 Morth, Christopher 3124 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 10 Morth, Christopher 3124 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 10 Morth, Christopher 3124 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM
11:00 AM	Honors English 10 Hart, Sharon 1212 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Safety and Wellness .5 Tucchio, Jenna 2227 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Honors English 10 Hart, Sharon 1212 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Safety and Wellness .5 Tucchio, Jenna 2227 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Honors English 10 Hart, Sharon 1212 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM
12:00 PM					
01:00 PM	Honors Biology I LaPietra, Tracy 3214 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	American Sign Language I Rabinsky-Ankrom, Rebecca 3112 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Honors Biology I LaPietra, Tracy 3214 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	American Sign Language I Rabinsky-Ankrom, Rebecca 3112 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Honors Biology I LaPietra, Tracy 3214 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM
02:00 PM					

Sample Schedule - Fitch High School - Grade 11

	Monday 09/13/2021	Tuesday 09/14/2021	Wednesday 09/15/2021	Thursday 09/16/2021	Friday 09/17/2021
08:00 AM	English 11 Motzko, Donald 1211 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Spanish III Minton, Traci 2209 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	English 11 Motzko, Donald 1211 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Spanish III Minton, Traci 2209 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	English 11 Motzko, Donald 1211 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM
09:00 AM	Algebra II Nystrom, Michael 1209 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Chemistry Rafka, Robert 2114 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Algebra II Nystrom, Michael 1209 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Chemistry Rafka, Robert 2114 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Algebra II Nystrom, Michael 1209 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM
10:00 AM	CTL 11 Frascarelli, John 2218 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 11 Frascarelli, John 2218 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 11 Frascarelli, John 2218 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 11 Frascarelli, John 2218 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 11 Frascarelli, John 2218 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM
11:00 AM	Photo I.5 Scala, Christina 2704 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Wt Training Sokoliski, Deborah WT ROOM 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Photo I.5 Scala, Christina 2704 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Wt Training Sokoliski, Deborah WT ROOM 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Photo I.5 Scala, Christina 2704 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM
12:00 PM					
01:00 PM	Civics Reising, Karley 1106 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Gaming Narratives .5 Stripling, Jesse 3211 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Civics Reising, Karley 1106 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Gaming Narratives .5 Stripling, Jesse 3211 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Civics Reising, Karley 1106 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM
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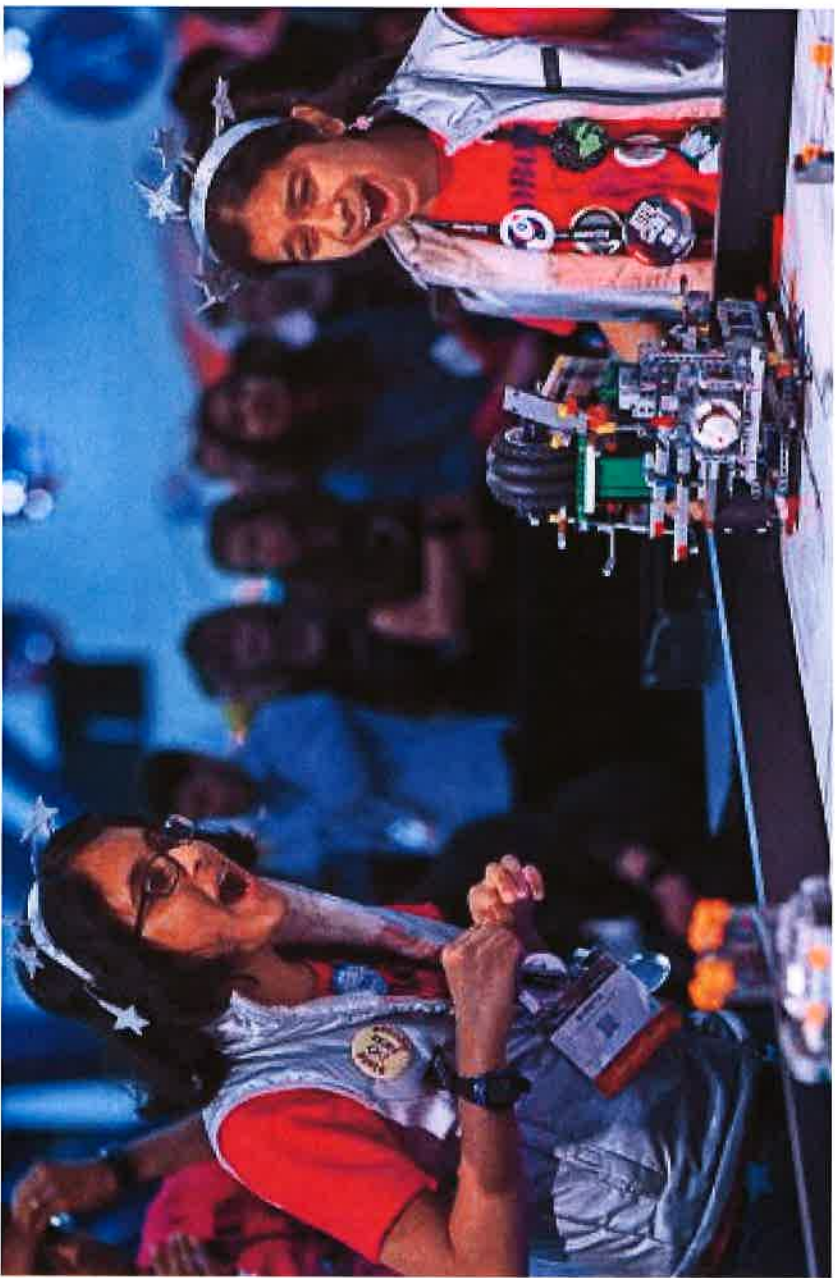
Sample Schedule - Fitch High School - Grade 12

	Monday 09/13/2021	Tuesday 09/14/2021	Wednesday 09/15/2021	Thursday 09/16/2021	Friday 09/17/2021
08:00 AM	Physics Chidley, Brian 2218 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	College Readiness Mathematics Archer, Kenneth 2207 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Physics Chidley, Brian 2218 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	College Readiness Mathematics Archer, Kenneth 2207 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM	Physics Chidley, Brian 2218 07:40 AM - 08:55 AM
09:00 AM	AP Psychology Panucci, Jordan 3106 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Black Literature Hart, Sharon 1212 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	AP Psychology Panucci, Jordan 3106 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Black Literature Hart, Sharon 1212 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM	AP Psychology Panucci, Jordan 3106 09:00 AM - 10:15 AM
10:00 AM	CTL 12 Towne, Shawn 2108 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 12 Towne, Shawn 2108 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 12 Towne, Shawn 2108 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 12 Towne, Shawn 2108 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM	CTL 12 Towne, Shawn 2108 10:20 AM - 11:10 AM
11:00 AM	Foods I Fugere, Justine 2723 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	APEX Virtual Academy S1 Brayman, Michael 1127 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Foods I Fugere, Justine 2723 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	APEX Virtual Academy S1 Brayman, Michael 1127 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM	Foods I Fugere, Justine 2723 11:15 AM - 01:00 PM
12:00 PM					
01:00 PM	Photo I .5 Scala, Christina 2704 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Honors Treble Choir Frascarelli, John 2417 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Photo I .5 Scala, Christina 2704 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Honors Treble Choir Frascarelli, John 2417 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM	Photo I .5 Scala, Christina 2704 01:05 PM - 02:22 PM
02:00 PM					

Needs...



A large group of students and teachers posing with three blue banners that read "FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION WINNER". The banners also mention "2017 FIRST REBELS", "FIRST ABBEY", and "FIRST 888 LINDSAY CHALLENGER" events. A red robot is visible on the right side of the photo.





CHALLENGE

2021

Transportation



Safety

Efficiency

Connection Access

Robot Design

Robot Game

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Components

**Innovation
Project**

Core Values

ROBOT DESIGN



Design **Build** **Program** **Present**

ROBOT GAME



INNOVATION PROJECT



CORE VALUES

Teamwork

Gracious Professionalism



2 Coaches

10 Students





30³ All Years Long

Coach Responsibilities

Meetings (2 hrs/week:

- Plan and prep
- Teach robot building & programming skills
- Facilitate team progress
- Foster teamwork skills & core values
- Help students find resources
- Keep team on task

Coach training & workshops

FIRST Youth Protection

Certification





An invaluable opportunity for Groton Middle School students!



