

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday August 22, 2022 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Andrea Ackerman, Liz Porter

Also Present: Phil Piazza, Amy McKenna

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

1. Review of Minutes:

Motion to Accept: Ackerman, Seconded by Porter to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Review P 6146 Graduation Requirements

- Exploring expanding Social Studies requirements - Mrs. Porter expressed her belief that we should increase the number of credits in Social Studies required for graduation.
- What is the process? - Mrs. Porter will inquire to the BOE as to the process for beginning the discussion of graduation requirements and possible changes

3. Update on the high school's Program of Studies Audit.

Dr. Piazza continues to review our GMS and FHS program of studies and compare it to our BOE approved curriculum currently available online for teachers. He will communicate with building principals/department heads over the next few months to report his findings and to search for anything that is missing. This work remains ongoing.

4. Review aspects of financial literacy across grade levels.

Dr. Piazza reviewed the various aspects of financial literacy instruction provided to him from teachers across all levels.

5. Compare College Prep versus Basic level courses.

This item was discussed first to accommodate Amy McKenna who spoke to the creation of College Prep; stemming from the lack of mobility once placed in the old "basic level" courses. Basic levels have been gone for over 6 years. College Prep allows for more movement should a student have success. Some data for future review should include the growth of college prep, as well as students reading growth over time within the College Prep classes.

6. Referral List

The referral list was not discussed due to time constraints.

7. Future Meeting Topics

Future topics will include the future of Social Studies standards and credit recovery.

The September 19th meeting will not be held due to Mrs. Porter not being available.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.