

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, William Horgan, Liz Porter (remote), Matthew Shulman (remote), Rita Volkmann (remote), Beverly Washington (remote), Jay Weitlauf (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Antipas

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Phil Piazza, Kathy Wilson, Anne Keefe-Fortobnick, Kate Serio, Ted Keleher, Adam Diskin, Carmita Hodge, Matt Brown

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Kim Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. REVIEW OF DECEMBER 5, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Porter, Horgan: To approve the COW minutes of December 5, 2022
PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

III. DISCUSSION RE: IB MYP (Grades 6-10), IB Careers Program (Grades 11-12)

Ms. Kathy Wilson noted that the fourth year of the IB MYP has seen great progress even with the pandemic. Ms. Wilson went on to explain the different aspects of the program. An extensive Q & A was held regarding the IB MYP. Ms. Wilson explained that every student will need to do a MYP personnel project (in grade 10) and that this is also a graduation requirement so that they can continue in their junior and senior years.

Dr. Anne Keefe-Forbotnick noted that the Career Program will be launching in the fall and will include pathway programs like Nursing, Project Lead the Way, and Business (through Charter Oak Credit Union). She noted that conversations have started among teachers and students as well as students themselves.

Dr. Keefe-Forbotnick addressed the students in the Global Citizenship class in their second semester year; she noted that she introduced 5 lessons that introduced a personal project that is an IB requirement. She went on to explain the process involved throughout the year.

IV. REVIEW OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Mrs. Porter noted her concern with the history requirements – she would like history to be a 3.5 credit requirement. She noted that the other core courses already require 4 credits.

Ms. Kate Serio is coordinating the Seal of Biliteracy and went on to give an overview of the program.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Horgan: To adjourn at 7:23 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY