

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday May 15, 2023 5:00 p.m. Groton Middle School/Conference room 113

**Members Present:** Andrea Ackerman, William Horgan, Liz Porter

**Also Present:** Phil Piazza, Ted Keleher, Gabe Mortali

Porter called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. Review of Minutes: Monday April 17, 2023

**MOTION:** Ackerman, Horgan; to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Update of Project Lead the Way engineering class

Porter acknowledged the letter from Mr. Mortali and how well thought out and appreciated it was; Principal Keleher updated committee on recruitment of students for the class; we reviewed letter and the planning and project timeline; committee is excited about it; it will start as a pilot for 23-24 under the title Engineering Design and Development (EDD) and we can review next year to check on progress with Principal Keleher and Mr. Mortali

3. EMT class

Update provided from Principal Keleher – we met with representatives from fire department who will be supporting the course, along with YNHH to map out class expectations (for school credit & for certification); class will be offered to juniors and seniors

4. Teachers College writing

1. We began the discussion about how writing is/should be taught
2. Reviewed several articles which we will need to read more in depth for future discussion
3. How are teaching writing at each grade level?
4. We will explore research and share with the committee to read?
5. Discussion will be ongoing – we need to hear from teachers also

5. Referral list

Progress of uploading curriculum at GMS & FHS

6. Future Topics

1. Financial Literacy Requirement – for Class of 2027 (incoming freshmen); need to define what is a “financial literacy course”; when does this actually start? How does this fit within the normal graduation requirements? Lots of questions, not many answers yet.
2. For September – Writing discussion will continue
3. Decision was made to not meet over the summer, and pick up work in September

7. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Ackerman, Horgan: To adjourn made at 6:00  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**