

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

Monday October 16, 2023 5:00 p.m.
Central Office / Room 4

Members Present: Andrea Ackerman (remote), Liz Porter

Members Absent: William Horgan

Also Present: Phil Piazza, Matthew Shulman, Adrian Johnson

Mrs. Porter called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. Review of Minutes: September 18, 2023

MOTION: Ackerman, Porter; to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Update on the number of students that take more than the 3 required credits in social studies

- Data was shared: Class of 22 = 45% had 3.5 SS credits or more; Class of 23 = 52% had 3.5 SS credits or more
- Questions: What are the obstacles to kids taking more than 3? What classes are offered that discuss modern day topics/what's going on today in the world?
- Mrs. Porter shared data that showed most districts have a 3-credit requirement.
- Perhaps SS department can examine scope and sequence to see where improvements can be made?
- How does IB possibly address this?

3. Review of course updates done this past summer

- Action Item: one or two paragraphs or bullets from writers on what was updated

4. Review Referral List - The Committee reviewed and made the following changes to the BOE referral tracking sheet for Curriculum/Instruction:

- R2015-37: Review of English LA Curriculum – Writing...Ongoing
- Remove R2023-9
- Remove R2023-3
- Add: Development of a schedule for curriculum updates in all subject areas...Ongoing

5. Future Topics - not discussed

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Ackerman, Porter; to adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

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