

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

Thursday March 7, 2024 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Members Present: Andrea Ackerman, Adrian Johnson, Robert Meade

Also Present: Susan Austin, Phil Piazza, Lisa Corcoran, Carmita Hodge, Melissa Manzione, Deb Jenkins

Ackerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Review of Minutes: January 29, 2024

**MOTION:** Johnson, Meade; to approve the minutes of January 29, 2024

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Discussion on new Financial Literacy mandate

Representatives from Fitch High School provided a background on what is required of all high schools, what is being taught at Fitch, and how Fitch will make sure students meet this new mandate in Connecticut (beginning with the class of 2027).

3. Elementary Literacy Discussion

- K-5 Director of Literacy and Humanities Corcoran and Assistant Superintendent Piazza walked through the Literacy Timeline, clarifying acronyms, and mapping out the work completed by the District in literacy.
- They also reviewed the provided data which showed District-wide middle of the year DIBELs data from our elementary schools. Corcoran talked about the subtests which make up the DIBELs assessment and explained the work with Hill for Literacy, an organization that will work with Groton on the curriculum review process which will take place March/April
- Questions:
  - How is the District working with the students who are struggling?
  - What PD has occurred and will be happening moving forward?
  - For BOE: What exactly is the Science of Reading? (for COW meeting)
  - Can DIBELs data be seen by school? (will be provided to Curriculum committee to be discussed at 3/21 committee meeting).

4. Referral List

- Review EMT and Nursing (add Nursing to Referral R2023-11) – mark “future committee meeting”
- Status Report for Referral R2022-16- Program of Studies (change to ongoing)
- Remove “Referral R2023-12” (uploading curriculum)

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

