

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 6 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11/HYBRID**

Members Present: Adrian Johnson, Mike Whitney(remote), Andrea Ackerman

Also Remote: Anne Marie Mancini, Chris Morth, Amy McKenna, Karna Hopkins

Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Review September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2. New Course Proposal:

a. Music in Movies

The committee discussed the new course proposal. The course is for non-performing students in the music department. Focuses on music technology, musical listening, and composition. No music experience required. It is a .5 credit in Fine Arts. Mike suggested changing the name of the course due to the main focus of the course including sound effects and music in video games.

The committee is recommending it go to the Board for approval. The committee would like Andrea Shabazian to be available for the Board meeting.

b. Personal and Professional Skills

This is an IB course. It is not a new course; it is an expansion of the original course. They are proposing it to be a 3-semester course. A semester would be added to the current course. At the request of Mike and Adrian, Chris Morth will provide some additional information about the original approved course and the revisions. Adrian asked how many quality points will be awarded. Chris explained there is a range within the IB courses. Anne Marie indicated the high school is looking at evaluating the quality points on all the courses.

The committee tabled the agenda item for the next meeting.

3. Future Meeting Topics

Curriculum approval process, IB SL English class

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.