

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22 @ 6:00 P.M.
REMOTE**

Members Remote: Andrea Ackerman, Adrian Johnson, Mike Whitney

Also Remote: Anne Marie Mancini, Matt Brown, Carmita Hodge

Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Review October 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

There was discussion on the minutes reflecting what happen in the meeting but the committee didn't need to vote on the course proposals. The Personal and Professional Skills class was sent on to the COW for approval.

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2. Review of the District's Graduation Requirements (Class of 2027 and beyond).

The State of CT requires 25 credits to graduate and Groton Public Schools requires 27. 25 credits are a lot of credits. Students are falling behind on the Graduation rate compared to the State of CT.

Recommendation:

Reduce the World Language credit from 2.0 to 1.0 to reflect the State requirement.

Reduce the requirements for General Elective credits from 4.0 to 3.0.

Maintain the Capstone/Mastery Experience (0.5 credits) in combination with the Global Citizenship Course (0.5 credits).

All changes must impact the Class of 2029 (Grade 9) and beyond.

There was discussion on the Capstone/Mastery being a pass/fail class. There was discussion on whether this would make it easier for students to graduate in three years. There is an approval process for students who want to graduate early. There are about 1 or 2 students who get approved to graduate early. Students moving in to the District from other states or counties have difficulty meeting the graduation requirements.

The committee recommends moving forward with the changes to policy 6146 Graduation Requirements.

3. Future Meeting Topics

There was discussion on the minutes reflecting what happen in the meeting but the committee didn't need to vote on the course proposals. The proposal is looked at in the Curriculum subcommittee and then the COW for approval. To follow the policy, the Personal and Professional Skills class was sent on to the COW for approval.

Add review referral tracking sheet to next month's agenda. World Language, AP and IB results, Honors/Advanced level credit.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.