

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 2, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M. REMOTE**

Members Remote: Andrea Ackerman, Mitch Shinbrot, Ian Thomas

Also Remote: Adrian Johnson, Anne Marie Mancini, Caitlin Crowley, Shannon Weigle, Christopher Morth, Jennifer Holberton, Danielle Mulligan

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

1. Review Meeting Minutes: February 03, 2026

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2. DoDEA Grant Opportunity

Mancini explained that we submitted a mathematics proposal last year. Weigle explained that no grants were awarded last year. The plan is to update the grant and resubmit. Weigle explained the DoDEA grant procedure and our intent to submit. The committee would like additional information as it becomes available.

3. Curriculum Review and Recommendation for Board Action: IB Personal and Professional Skills

Mancini explained that Morth had submitted a new course request a few months ago. Due to the major changes that IB made it was considered a major revision. Morth explained the class and how Holberton secured ECC credits for the class. The committee recommended bringing the course to the full Board for approval. Then there was discussion on agreeing to bring it forward meant that they approved the course. Thomas then abstained from moving the course forward. ([IB Personal and Professional Skills](#)) There was discussion on whether or not this course was approved to be written. Johnson wanted to know when it was approved as he can only find that the topic was tabled. He doesn't want to hold it up but wants to know the history of approval. Thomas clarified the policy and has agreed to bring it to the full Board for them to approve.

4. Review of New Course Proposals

- [Discrete Mathematics](#) (SY 2027-2028)

Crowley explained the new course. Mulligan has already cleared it with UConn for students to get credit. This course is designed for grade 12 students. It gives Seniors another opportunity to explore math and get ECE credit. Thomas asked a question on the weighting of the quality points. Mancini will confirm and get back to the committee. Thomas asked if Mancini budgeted for this. She explained how curriculum writing is funded. Thomas asked about the ECE accreditation funding. He is asking about an annual accreditation fee. Mancini will investigate but does not think there is based on her past experience. Thomas requests that any ECE cost associated with running this course be included. The committee recommends that we move forward with writing of the curriculum.

- [IB Language and Literature](#) (SY 2027-2028)

All IB students are required to take an English course. When it started there was only 1 course (English Literature) for student to take. It was designed for future English majors. IB has evolved and is offering or other type of English courses. IB Language and Literature is the most popular English course. This will replace IB Literature. Morth is working on getting ECE credit. No other classes would be removed. The committee recommends that we move forward with writing the curriculum.

1. Review Referral Tracking Sheet

The committee reviewed the tracking sheet. Mancini reviewed the items on the tracker and asked for clarification on R2024-34 Discussion re: the study of IB. Thomas would like a broad overview of IB. The program has been at Fitch for over 20 years. Wants statistics on how many students enroll in classes, how many complete. How many resources it consumes versus the outcomes.

5. Future Meeting Topics

Mancini would like to come to the Committee with the results of the pilot of the math resource, Illustrative math. Middle school ELA is currently researching and piloting 3 different curricula resources. They will have a recommendation for the April or May meeting. Ackerman would like R2023-23 to be changed to K-12.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.