

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

Members Remote: Andrea Ackerman, Mitch Shinbrot, Ian Thomas (left @ 6:45 pm)

Also Remote: Anne Marie Mancini, Caitlin Crowley, Daisy Rau, Mark Masterjoseph

Shinbrot called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

1. Review Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2026

The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2. Review of Manufacturing Courses Offered at FHS

Mancini reviewed the history of the Manufacturing program. Started in 2009. That is when the curriculum was first introduced. In 2016 the program expanded to add Manufacturing Tech 2. In 2019 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) was added. In 2020 the program was again expanded using Perkins funding to add a second instructor for PLTW. In 2021 Groton Public Schools received a DoDEA Career Pathways grant to support the manufacturing program, a CAD course was added. After a brief pause, the program returned in 2025 the program was resumed along with PLTW and CAD courses. Introduction to Manufacturing (.5), Manufacturing Technology 1 (1), Manufacturing Technology 2 (1) and Robotics (.5) will be offered. Robotics will be offered in the spring of 2027.

3. Recommendation of New Curriculum Resource: Illustrative Math (K-8)

Mancini explained the vision and approach to math instruction. Mancini explained the key design principles of Illustrative Math (IM). She explained how the pilot worked. She explained the concept of High Quality Instruction Materials (HQIMs). IM is HQIM. How we have shifted our instructional approach and will establish program coherence. Mancini would like to have a recommendation to adopt the IM resource K-8 and move to the full Board. Rau and Masterjoseph explained what a lesson would look like. The committee agreed to move IM to the full Board for approval.

4. Review Referral Tracking Sheet

Ackermann would like ELA writing 6-12 added to the Tracker.

5. Future Meeting Topics

Shinbrot would like to know if there was any discussion on Artemis II to help improve STEM interest. Many people in Groton do not know how the Town government works. He thinks it is important to learn. Mancini mentions the 10th grade Civic class that students are required to take and it is also covered in grade 5.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.