GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 4, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M. REMOTE

Members Remote: Andrea Ackerman, Mitch Shinbrot, Ian Thomas

Also Remote: Bev Washington, Anne Marie Mancini, Amy McKenna, Melissa Manzione, C.J. Hersom

Shinbrot called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Review Meeting Minutes: April 6, 2026

   The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

2. Review New Course Proposal for SY 27-28: Investing 101

   Hersom explained why this course is needed. Personal Finance only covers how to manage your money but not how to grow it. Everyone, at some point will need to invest and many people don't have the confidence to invest. The Perkins grant will cover any cost. The committee recommends to write the course.

3. Review New Middle School ELA Resource: Wit & Wisdom

   Mancini explained the choice of Wit & Wisdom as the resource for ELA teachers in the middle school and how it was selected. By adopting this resource, we would have consistency from K-8 which has been proven beneficial to students. Mancini also explained the roll out of the resource. Feedback from the teachers about the resource is positive. Most of the committee recommends moving it to the full Board. Shinbrot abstained, he trusts Mancini's expertise but doesn't feel knowledgeable enough to make a recommendation.

4. Review BOE Referral Tracking Sheet

   The committee discussed the referral list.

5. Adjournment

   The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.