

GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
APRIL 11, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Dean Antipas, Liz Porter, Andrea Ackerman (remote), Katrina Fitzgerald-Vice Chairperson (remote), Matthew Shulman (remote), Rita Volkmann (remote), Beverly Washington (remote), Jay Weitlauf (remote)

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. BOE REGULAR BUSINESS

MOTION: Watson, Volkmann: To approve the COW minutes of March 21, 2022, with the correction of noting those who attended by hybrid per State Directive that was handed down when the pandemic began.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY

III. GPS MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

Mrs. Sharon Schick gave an overview of the mentoring program from its conception to present day. She noted that presently she has 5 mentors ready to go for the fall and presently the mentoring program is at the middle school and the high school. Mrs. Schick outline how the mentoring program operates. She stated that the mentoring program has an Executive Board and a Steering Committee. She noted that the mentoring program is coming up on its 25th year in existence. Mrs. Schick highlighted the mentoring programs she has helped to develop for other organizations and Towns. Mrs. Schick noted that she got permission to hold mentoring by Zoom; however, that did not work. She noted that after discussion with Ms. Austin and Mrs. LePine it was decided that mentoring could occur in the schools this year.

Mrs. Schick noted the next steps:

- To continue with what she has been doing now;
- Mentor Training revisions;
- The possibility of going to the Communications Committee for assistance to get the word out. Mrs. Fitzgerald requested that this be added to the Referral List.
- Grow the program (more mentors and mentees).

IV. PROCEDURAL REVIEW

The Board reviewed and discussed the Referral Tracking Sheet and the Board Meeting Template. Mrs. Fitzgerald requested that the Communications Committee be added to the Referral Tracking Sheet.

V. UPDATE RE: TUTORING

This item was tabled.

VI. SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS

- Mr. Shulman stated that he would like to get into the schools. Ms. Austin responded that she would inform Board members when she and Dr. Piazza will be doing their walk through of the schools. If Board members are available to join a walk through, they would communicate that to the Superintendent.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Weitlauf:

To adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY