

Stonington Public Schools
Board of Education Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee
April 28, 2016 Agenda- Minutes
Stonington High School LMC 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order - 6:08pm

A. Present: Deb Downie, Frank Todisco, Alexa Garvey, Van Riley (Absent: Nikki Gullickson)

II. Approval of [March 24, 2016 Minutes](#) - *Motion to accept the March 24, 2016 Minutes made by Alexa Garvey; seconded by Frank Todisco. 4 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions*

III. Discussion:

- A. Purpose of the Teaching & Learning Committee
- B. Function of the Teaching & Learning Committee

- Essential questions guiding committee discussion:
 - How do we measure (student) success?
 - As a BOE committee, how can we shape the learning environment to positively impact learning outcomes?
 - How will we know when we are effective?

C. *Topics/ items relevant to the essential questions include but not limited to:*

- The Common Core Standards
- Curriculum Revision cycle
 - a) Program Updates / Evaluations
- Special topics:
 - a) **Future agenda item (possibly May) Personalization of Instruction**
- Other:
 - a) **2016-2017 Graduation Date**
 - (1) District/SHS will
 - develop a summary report of other schools regarding the pros/cons; criteria they use to set dates;
 - interview and find out any parent/community issues, etc...
 - report findings to the Teaching & Learning sub-committee in special meeting...
 - TL will determine which option(s) to further consider... SHS will present those options to parents/staff/community for input...
 - then back to TL which will make a recommendation to BOE in June or July at latest..
 - b) **BOE Subject Area Report requests** - postponed until the May meeting
 - (1) **World Language** -
 - (2) **The Arts**
 - c) **Middle School Task Force Update**-no further actions required
 - (1) **Short term goals:**
 - **World Language**
 - **Technology**
 - **Advisory**
 - **Instructional minutes**
 - d) **Updates:**
 - (1) **State Testing Update**

- SATs - Grade 11 March 2 (April 27 make up date)
- CMT - CAPT Science
 - (i) Grade 10 March 2
 - (ii) Grades 5 & 8 March 9
- Preparations for State testing
 - (i) Smarter Balanced Assessments (ELA / Math) - Grades 3-8 May 10-27

May 12, 2016 BOE meeting reporter: Deb Downie

IV. Adjournment:

Next meeting: *May 26, 2016 STONINGTON HIGH SCHOOL*