

Stonington Public Schools
Board of Education Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee
February 25 2016 Agenda - Minutes
Stonington High School LMC 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order - 6:00PM

A. Present: Mark Frieze, Frank Todisco, Deb Downie, Alexa Garvey, Nikki Gullickson

II. Approval of [January 28, 2016 Minutes](#) - *Motion to accept the January 28, 2016 Minutes was made by Deb Downie and seconded by Frank Todisco. 2 Yays, 0 nos, 2 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) **Later school start times - research talking about later start times for Elem and MS. Is a question in the Middle School Study survey. A number of factors that impact changing start times.**

- b) **SHS update - Mark Frieze**

- (1) **Course selection and presentation of the 2016-17 Opportunities guide (available online)**

- **Focus on page 13 - new / fine tuning of programs**

- (i) **Mystic Aquarium**

- (ii) **Internship Program**

- (iii) **Teacher Assistant**

- **Page 32 - Social Studies re-design (stepping towards personalization of education)**

- (i) **series of 6 classes to select from for more in depth look and use of primary resources**

- **page 49 - Music Appreciation course**

- **page 53-54 working with the NGSS - Chem course added (need of a strong math) moves students into AP Chem - no longer Honors Chem.**

- **page 60 - Foundations of Math (Alg & Geo) changing to semester courses**

- **page 62 - Vocational Mathematics focusing towards the trades**

- looking to shift all courses to semester courses - potential presentation at the end of the school year
- c) Middle School World Language -Strong potential for Full year Spanish at grade 8
- d) BOE Subject Area Report requests - Not discussed
 - (1) Status update
- e) BOE Policies - 6000 Series will be reviewed at the March BOE Policy Sub-committee meeting.
- f) New Accountability System (CSDE) - anticipated release day March 1, 2016. IF released, the details and district/school status will be presented at the March 10 BOE meeting.
- g) 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
 - (a) Feb. 25 announcement eliminating the ELA and Math Performance Tasks from the Spring 2016 administration.
 - (2) Elementary Report Card
 - Second Trimester Report Cards go home March 14, 2016
 - (3) Middle School Task Force meetings:
 - Dec. 14, 2015
 - Jan. 20, 2016

IV. **March 10, 2016 BOE meeting reporter:** Deb Downie
 Adjournment: 7:00PM

Next meeting: March 24, 2016 STONINGTON HIGH SCHOOL