

Stonington Public Schools
Board of Education Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee
March 24, 2016 Agenda
Stonington High School LMC 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order - 6:00PM

A. Present: Frank Todisco, Deb Downie, Alexa Garvey, Mark Friese, Margo Crowley

II. Approval of [February 25, 2016 Minutes](#) - *Motion to accept the February 25, 2016 Minutes made by Alexa Garvey; seconded by Deb Downie. 3 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) **SHS update - Mark Friese**

- (1) **GPA Issue**

- Background of the issue

- Explanation of the correction

- Letter presented for review

- (i) Offering a meeting for parents - adding a date for that meeting

- (a) Letter going out on Monday, March 28

- b) **Middle School Task Force Update (March 22, 2016 meeting)**

- (1) Review of 2016-2017 items to address

- (2) Review of long term topics (2016 through transition in 2018)

- c) **BOE Subject Area Report requests - NOT addressed**

- d) **BOE Policies - 6000 Series will be reviewed at the March BOE Policy Sub-committee meeting.**

- (1) Review of updated policies; new policies for adoption; policies marked for elimination

- (2) A number of 6000 policies remain works in progress - further investigation regarding the impact of changes to legislation

- e) 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
 - March 22, 2016

April 14, 2016 BOE meeting reporter: Alexa Garvey
IV. Adjournment: 7:20PM

Next meeting: *April 28, 2016 (May 26) STONINGTON HIGH SCHOOL*