

**Stonington Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Teaching & Learning Committee  
January 23, 2014  
Stonington High School  
6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order - 6:05 pm  
Present: Deb Downie, Alexa Garvey, Van Riley, Nikki Gullickson  
Absent: Craig Esposito
- II. Approval of [Nov. 26, 2013 Minutes](#)  
**Motion** to approve the minutes from Nov. 26, 2013 meeting was made by Debbie Downie and seconded by Alexa Garvey. Vote: 2 in favor; no nays, no 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
    - Assessment updates
    - Assessment results
    - Programming needs
    - Program Evaluations
    - Special topics:
      - a) Special Education Study
      - b) Middle School Configuration
      - c) High School Schedule
    - Other

} Topics for Jan. 23, 2014 Agenda

**Special Topics (Jan. 23, 2014 discussion topic)**

Dr. Riley presented for committee endorsement three studies to be facilitated by district administration.

The areas of study include:

- the Special Education delivery model
- Middle School configuration
- High School course / class scheduling models

The overarching goal of these studies will be to

- Improve instruction - seeking increased equity, consistency and effectiveness in the delivery of instruction, services and supports to students
- Address the budgetary considerations of meeting the instructional needs of students more effectively

It is anticipated that the studies will take 3 -4 months to complete.

The Teaching & Learning Committee endorsed the studies presented to them.

**Jan. 23, 2014 BOE meeting reporter:** Alexa Garvey

IV. Adjournment: 7:00 pm

Next meeting: TBD