

**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 } Topics for Jan. 23, 2014 Agenda
 - c) High School Schedule
 - Other

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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