

**Stonington Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Teaching & Learning Committee  
March 19, 2014 Minutes  
Stonington High School  
6:00 PM**

I. Call to Order - 6:00PM

Present: Deb Downie, Alexa Garvey, Terry Stefanski, Dr. Van Riley, Nikki Gullickson

II. Approval of January 23, 2014 Minutes

**Motion** to approve the Minutes from Jan. 23, 2014 meeting was made by Alexa Garvey and seconded by Deb Downie. Vote: 3 in favor; 0 nays; 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
- Assessment updates
- Assessment results
- Programming needs
- Program Evaluations
- Special topics:

Dr. Riley and Nikki Gullickson update the committee on the following:

-Special Education Study - Allison Van Etten will be facilitating this group

-Middle School Configuration - now called the Middle School Design Committee held an initial meeting, a brainstorming session with teacher and administrators to better define what the group seeks to accomplish and identify next steps moving forward. The committee plans to meet again in late March to determine its scope and process.

-High School Schedule - no report

- Other

**March 17, 2014 BOE meeting reporter: Deb Downie**

IV. Adjournment: 6:15 pm

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Next meeting: TBD

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