

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Monday  
April 12, 2010**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Curriculum Committee was held on Monday, April 12, 2010 in the second floor conference room at the Board of Education, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108.

**PRESENT** Dorese Roberts, Chair

**ALSO PRESENT** Marcus C. Oladell IV, Committee Member  
Jeff Currey, Committee Member  
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent  
Marcia Huddy, Secondary Curriculum Supervisor  
Anita Morrison, Board Member  
Emil Kopcha, Supervisor, Fine Arts

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 P.M. by Dorese Roberts.

Motion:

By Marcus C. Oladell IV

To approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Curriculum Committee Meeting

Seconded by Jeff Currey

Correspondence: None

Marcia Huddy presented the committee with a cost breakdown of student planners broken down between grade levels. There was a discussion on the use of the agendas. The agendas help students with organization and structure and are also used for parent communication. The high school has requested the agendas for grades 9 and 10. Ms. Huddy met with the principal and department heads and they are enthusiastic to have them for the students. She received quotes from several companies. Premier Agendas came in with the lowest bid for a good quality agenda.

Motion: by Marcus C. Oladell IV

To present to the full board the cost proposal for student agendas for grades 3-10.

Seconded by Jeff Currey

Motion Unanimously approved

Mr. Emil Kopcha came to the meeting to discuss the theme based school program at Sunset Ridge School for grades 4-6. The board voted to approve the theme based school two weeks ago. A form went out to parents asking them to choose the school their children will attend next year. They are offered the choice of remaining at their home school through grade six, attending the theme bases school at Sunset Ridge and sixth graders are offered the choice to attend East Hartford Middle School. Although the core curriculum will be the same as district schools, the themed based school will have an increased emphasis on fine arts and world language. Students will study Chinese and/or Spanish as well as perform on a musical instrument. Teachers will work with music and art to provide global awareness to students. World languages will

expose students to many cultures. Mr. Kopcha met with teachers and they are being given a choice of where they may want to teach next year. They are to submit their decisions to the Human Resources department. Parent informational meetings were held at Sunset Ridge School and East Hartford Middle School last Thursday.

The theme school curriculum will connect with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning concept and higher order thinking or HOT Schools program. HOT schools empower students to develop leadership skills. Mr. Kopcha would like to send staff to training this summer for the HOT school model. These teachers will then work with staff to incorporate the program. The school will work with such organizations such as Hartford Stage which provided a program this year based on literacy and theater. Theater based literacy strategies incorporate reading skills and motivation. The school will have an extended day, possibly from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm.

Ms. Kaprove gave an update on the math and language arts curriculum. Staff is working on identifying power standards and to align them across the grades. The curriculum will be rolled out in the fall. It will be presented to the committee as a draft after summer work has been completed. Developmental Guidance curriculum will be presented to the committee in May. It will show how guidance provides developmental support to students.

Motion:

Marcus C. Oladell moved to adjourn meeting  
Seconded by Jeff Currey  
Motion Unanimously Approved  
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Burnham