

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

**MONDAY
October 5, 2009**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Curriculum Committee was held on Monday, October 5, 2009 in Room 109 at the Connecticut International Baccalaureate Academy, 857 Forbes St., East Hartford, CT 06118.

PRESENT Hilde Mayranen-O'Brien, Chair

ALSO PRESENT Dorese Roberts, Committee Member
Marcus C. Oladell IV, Committee Member
Mark Zito, Superintendent
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent
Marcia Huddy, Secondary Curriculum Supervisor
Linda Iverson, Elementary Curriculum Supervisor
John Fote, Coordinator Camp Connections
Ram Aberasteria, Board Member
Anita Morrison, Board Member
Mary Alice Dwyer, Board Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by Ms. Mayranen-O'Brien.

Motion:

By Ms. Dorese Roberts

To approve the minutes of the June 16, 2009 Curriculum Committee Meeting

Seconded by Mr. Marcus C. Oladell IV

Correspondence: None

Mr. Fote gave a report on Summer Connections, the district wide elementary summer school program that was held at O'Brien School. The program was an extensive literacy program with 16-18 students in each class. Each class had 2 staff members which consisted of a teacher and either a paraprofessional or a tutor. 451 students attended the program and it was held from Monday through Thursday this year from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Eliminating Friday from the schedule improved attendance which went from 84% to 92% this year. Students participated in the Governor's Reading Challenge. Mr. Fote also had 9 interns who worked on intervention strategies with students who needed support on a 3:1 ratio.

Ms. Kaprove spoke about the curriculum development that was done over the summer. Silver Lane School had a session on Co-Teaching in which teachers worked with special education teachers on inclusion of special education students in grade level classrooms. Teachers are getting assistance from SERC through their School Improvement Grant. This professional development will be continued through this school year.

The high school worked on team building and staff attended an adventure program to develop new activities for 9th and 10th grade teams. They attended Project Adventure, a program that Synergy is implementing which promotes student leadership. Trained staff from Synergy are working with the high school This activity was funded through Priority School and Safe and Drug Free grants.

Staff at the high school also worked on NEASC, mentoring and an Advisory program.

World Language worked to develop a new films course which was approved in the previous year.

Social Studies and English departments worked on activities to support reading and writing in content area. The high school and Synergy worked with Cheryl McDonough, a representative from John Collins Training, who will continue her work through the school year.

At East Hartford Middle School John Collins training continued with 12 teachers being trained as coaches. Each department will now have support within the school.

The district will continue its curriculum work throughout the school year using the SRBI model and student assessment. Some ongoing initiatives are the Second Step Curriculum for student behavior, FASTT Math, a math support program, and Read 180 and System 44 for reading intervention. Work with Benchmark will be continued this year at all elementary schools. Professional development will be held one day per month with Barbara Andrews. Grade level teams will work with Pat Pavelka on differentiated instruction.

Dorese Roberts moved to adjourn meeting
Seconded by Marcis C. Oladell IV
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Burnham