

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

**Monday
November 30, 2009**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Curriculum Committee was held on Monday, November 30, 2009 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
Linda Iverson, Elementary Curriculum Supervisor
Mary Alice Dwyer, Board Chair
Tyron Harris, Board Member
Bryan Hall, Board Member
Anita Morrison, Board Member
Ram Aberasturia, Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Ms. Roberts.

Motion:

By Mr. Oladell

To approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 Curriculum Committee Meeting

Seconded by Mr. Currey

Correspondence: None

Ms. Kaprove gave an update on the District Improvement Plan. The District Data Team meets periodically with liaisons from the State of Connecticut, Department of Education regarding the accomplishments of the first year of the DIP and updates for years 2 and 3 accordingly. They look at the data collection and determine what revisions need to be made to the DIP. A complete update will be presented in January. One finding is that the committee feels there is misrepresentation in the overall achievement gap when all of the sub-groups are combined as the state recommends. They will break down the gaps in overall achievement. Once an objective is achieved it is no longer on the plan. The data team and the state representatives meet to look at data and trends to find reasonable goals. They will look at the targets that were set up for year 1 and look for positive movement. They will readdress items that were not met and determine what will lead to student improvement. School improvement plans are aligned with the district improvement plan.

English/Language Arts and Math curricula will be up for revision this year. This revision will take most of this year for the departments to complete. Curricula need to be aligned with the CMT's and State Grade Level Expectations, (GLE's). A draft of the curriculum will be presented to the curriculum cabinet and curriculum committee in the spring and will be presented to the full board in the fall. The district is part of a voluntary audit of

English/Language Arts and Math curricula. Participation in this audit will provide support from CREC consultants and others free of charge. Teachers will be given release time to work on the curriculum and substitutes will be paid for from grants.

Ms. Roberts asked Dr. Iverson, former principal of Pitkin School, how her school has maintained the adequate yearly progress status. Dr. Iverson said there was an emphasis on fidelity and implementation. The school worked on building capacity and worked with new teachers. The principals of all the elementary schools are working with the SET Team process where they work together on scheduling and intervention ideas. They meet as groups and do walkthroughs in the classrooms of each other's schools.

Dorese Roberts moved to adjourn meeting
Seconded by Marcus Oladell
Motion Unanimously Approved
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Burnham