

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

**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Curriculum Committee was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 in the first floor conference room at the Board of Education, 1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108.

PRESENT Dorese Roberts, Chair

ALSO PRESENT Christopher Gentile, Committee Member
Julie Kieras, Committee Member
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent
Frank Staples, Dept. Head, Guidance
Michelle Eckler, Dept. Head, English

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Ms. Roberts

MOTION by Julie Kieras
To approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 Curriculum Committee Meeting
Seconded by Christopher Gentile
Motion unanimously approved.

Correspondence: None

Debbie Kaprove gave an update on summer curriculum work and curriculum roll out. The district used grant monies to provide curriculum development this past summer.

- Staff at the STEM Academy at O'Brien School worked with the Connecticut Science Center in developing curriculum for the theme based school for grades 4-6 across the content area. Teachers in grades 2 and 3 are showing interest in the STEM program and the hands on opportunities it provides.
- Teachers wrote and further developed the grade 4-12 Chinese curriculum in support of the expansion of the 4-12 Chinese program. Sunset Ridge teachers of Spanish and Chinese worked to further develop the 4th, 5th and 6th grade World Language curriculum.
- The Fine Arts department worked on curriculum based assessments in the existing grade 6 curriculum and worked on changes in some units which were presented to staff during the August professional development.
- The science department worked on revamping the assessment calendar to align with new national standards, common core state standards, CMT and CAP. They are doing a crosswalk for a new assessment process which connects with the literacy and math standards.
- English Department worked on updating the curriculum, unwrapping the standards and realigning the documents to match common core state standards. The high school is working with Manchester Community College to increase college level writing and reduce the need for remedial classes at the college level.
- The math department looked at our previous curriculum, which uses a spiral math curriculum, to focus on the realignment of the unit-based common core state standards. Middle school math teachers were provided a roll-out of the curriculum revised this summer. The high school examined the CAPT results and began their work on ways to support skills and concepts that are reflected on the state assessments. The math department also received training on SmartBoards.

There was a discussion on the future of CMT and CAPT testing and the future computer adaptive testing which will bring better data and faster results.

Frank Staples gave a brief demonstration on the Naviance program and how it is used for students in grades 7-12. The program helps students with course planning, college selection, career goals, resumes, testing, etc. Parents and staff can communicate through the program and send students messages to assign tasks or give reminders.

MOTION By Christopher Gentile
To adjourn the meeting at 7:34 P.M.
Seconded by Julie Kieras
Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Burnham