

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONDAY  
MAY 1, 2017

A meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education Curriculum Committee was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, Room 109, East Hartford, CT 06108.

PRESENT Stephanie Watkins, Chair

ALSO PRESENT Shelby Brown, Committee Member

Anne Marie Mancini, Assistant Superintendent  
Cynthia Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Watkins

MOTION by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Seconded by Shelby Brown  
Motion unanimously approved

Correspondence: None

Cynthia Ritchie gave an overview of a curriculum resource entitled (School-Wide) which is being integrated into the literacy block in K-5 classrooms. The program provides a blend of fiction and non-fiction leveled books and encourages students to read high interest books. The program provides a balanced approach to literacy instruction, as each unit includes opportunities for students to participate in shared, small group and independent reading, vocabulary, phonics, grammar, fluency, comprehension, conferring and writing practice. Reading strategies are explicitly taught in lessons. Teachers are implementing a Readers' Workshop approach to instruction. The elementary language arts curriculum team is working to align the program to East Hartford's curriculum documents. This year units 1 and 2 are being piloted. In the fall units 3 and 4 will be added. Multiple opportunities for assessing student progress are available.

Anne Marie Mancini presented a course proposal for East Hartford Middle School which will prepare students for Advanced Placement programming beginning in Grade 6 using College Board's Spring Board curriculum in English and language arts. The middle school will be restructuring its teams to provide more students with honors-level classes. Sixth Grade teachers will implement the program in the 2017/2018 school year. The following year, seventh grade will begin implementation and eight grade will begin in the 2019/2020 school year. Training for all teachers will be provided by College Board in June 2017. The purchase for the current year will come from the middle school language arts budget for material and Title IIA grant for training.

MOTION by Stephanie Watkins  
To approve and present to the full board, College Board's Spring Board Curriculum  
Seconded: by Shelby Brown  
Motion unanimously approved

MOTION      by Stephanie Watkins  
To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M.  
Seconded: by Shelby Brown  
Motion unanimously approved

Recorded by: Judy Burnham

APPROVED