

EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
November 17, 2009

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Present: L. Canada; D. Dekle; K. Fox Santora; M. Mas; C. Meskers; J. Parker.

Public: Three members of the public were present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION

The discussion focused on how Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI) and other assessment tools (such as the CMT and NWEA) can inform decisions for differentiated instruction. Some of the key elements of SRBI include strategies for assuring respectful and ethical behaviors, use of research-based effective instructional strategies across the curriculum, differentiation of instruction for all learners, and early intervention for students experiencing academic and/or behavioral difficulties. Kim Fox Santora shared the SRBI plan specific to the elementary school. Donna Dekle offered clarification in the area of special services.

Participants were given handouts: the *ER9 Glossary of Common Terms and Acronyms* and the Connecticut State Department of Education's Executive Summary, *Using Scientific Research-Based Interventions: Improving Education for All Students*.

A question and answer period including the parent audience followed.

This topic will continue to be discussed at the next Curriculum Committee meeting with Joan Parker and Donna Dekle to share the plan specific to the middle school and special services. The administrators will also share NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) data, which is a computer-based, adaptive assessment program used in the district for grades 3-8 for reading, language usage, math and science.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Questions posed by the public audience were addressed throughout the session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:20 p.m. in room 106 at Helen Keller Middle School

Respectfully submitted by E. Marie Mas