

EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
May 18, 2010

Filed Subject to Approval

Present: R. Bobroske; L. Canada; D. Dekle; K. Fox Santora; M. Lightman; G. Maiorano; M. Mas; T. McMorran; C. Meskers; A. Mocco; J. Parker

Public: One member of the public was present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion – move to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010. Bobroske, Lightman. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION

Kim Fox Santora, principal of Samuel Staples Elementary School, described the transition process from grade 5 to grade 6. Ms. Fox Santora explained how SSES prepares students well for this process including the schedule design for ‘teaming’, i.e., changing classes for content area subjects. Students are also exposed to a tiered release of responsibility by staff members in order to facilitate independence socially as well as academically. Ms. Joan Parker, principal of Helen Keller Middle School, provided a handout describing the transition process from grade 5 to grade 6. The graphic organizer was designed to categorize useful information related to guidance; grade level information; student activities; special education; and administration, all under the broad umbrella of student orientation, parent/family programs, and extra curricular activities at the middle school. Mr. Tom McMorran, head of school for Joel Barlow, provided the group with information related to the transition process from grade 8 to grade 9. Dr. Donna Dekle, director of special services, provided information related to students with special needs and steps that are taken to make for a smooth transition from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school. A question and answer period followed the discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee members were asked to e-mail E. Marie Mas with ideas for sessions to be scheduled during the 2010-11 academic year. Dates for the sessions will be announced in early September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public audience participated throughout the session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The 2010-11 meeting schedule will be announced in early September.

Respectfully submitted by E. Marie Mas