

ER9 STRUCTURE AND WAYS OF WORKING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2011

Helen Keller Middle School – Library Media Center

Attendance: Gaspar, Logie, Stemme, Hocker, Alvarez, Dunsby (6:20); Dr. Evan Pitkoff, by invitation; two members of the public.

1. Call to Order: Dr. Gaspar called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously. (Alvarez, Stemme)
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Member Comment: None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action: Dr. Pitkoff was present to discuss aspects of Part II of his report, Recommendations for Easton-Redding-Region 9 Structure and Ways of Working. The Committee reviewed each of his listed recommendations. There was general discussion of the upcoming presentation of the report at the Tri-Board meeting on June 6. There was general agreement that the Committee favored continuation of the effort to evaluate ER9 structure and ways of working under the guidance of the new superintendent. Further, that those recommendations in the report that involved resources should be examined by the end of October 2011, and that all recommendations should be examined by the end of January 2012.
6. Public Comment: Anne Manusky, Easton, asked whether there had been discussion by the committee regarding better ways to evaluate curriculum. General response of the committee was that curriculum had not been the focus of this committee, but that there was a connection insofar as better ways of working could free up resources to focus on curriculum issues. Beverly Dacey, Easton, stated that the differences between the Easton and Redding communities should be respected, that there might have been bias expressed by the administrators who were interviewed for the report, and that there were instances of time being wasted by administrators that was not related to structure or ways of working.
7. Member Comment: Mr. Logie expressed that he questioned the value of recording the perceptions of administrators, rather than facts, in the report.
8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by Chris Hocker