

**EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
EAST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL BOARDROOM
35 WHEELBARROW LANE
EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06513
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mr. DeNuzzo, Mr. Hennessey, Mr. Pompano
and Mrs. Vineyard

ARRIVED LATE: Mrs. DePalma (6:10 p.m.)
Mrs. Maisano (6:50 p.m.)
Mr. Scalesse (6:13 p.m.)
Mr. Anthony R. Serio, Superintendent (6:27 p.m.)

ABSENT: Mrs. Kluth and Mr. Palladino
Mrs. Mary Acquarulo, Director of Pupil Services

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Erica Forti, Asst. Supt of
Curriculum & Instruction
High School Administrators

1. OPEN MEETING

Mrs. Vineyard called the Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. in the Boardroom at the High School.

2. CAPT Presentation by High School Administration

Mr. Anderson presented EHHS CAPT scores for 2010-2011. He began his presentation with an overview of the performance for reading, writing, math, and science. Overall, there was a decline in all subject areas except writing and reading, which were the two areas of focus for the school last year. In comparison to the DRG, we were one of three schools out of 14 who made safe harbor this year and if safe harbor is

attained after the 2012 testing, EHHS will be at normal AYP status. We were also ranked first for writing amongst other DRG schools.

Mr. Anderson indicated that there will be a deeper focus on increasing the percentages of students reaching goal or above. He shared data related to the number of students who leave our district after 8th grade. Data indicated that eighty-eight (88) grade 8 students left East Haven and went to other high schools. Sixty-six (66) of these students scored at goal or advanced on their grade 8 CMT. EHHS will continue their recruitment efforts in order to increase the number of high performing students who attend EHHS. Mr. Anderson concluded the meeting with a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, obstacles and threats) analysis indicating that parental involvement, increased rigor, a focus on learning (instead of grades) and student perseverance and efficacy will be the major focus moving forward.

The Board asked questions and requested that perhaps a survey needed to be done regarding why students leave before coming to East Haven High School.

The Board would like a copy of the handout emailed to them and also a hard copy sent.

3. Any other business that might rightfully come before this subcommittee.

There was no other business this evening.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. DePalma and seconded by Mr. DeNuzzo. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**PATRICIA DEPALMA, CHAIR
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
SUBCOMMITTEE**