

**EAST HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PTA /PTO/ PTC ADVISORY
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
EAST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL BOARDROOM
35 WHEELBARROW LANE
EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06513**

**TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010
6:15 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mr. Hennessey, Mr. Scalesse and Mrs. Vineyard

ABSENT: Mr. DeNuzzo, Mrs. Kluth, Mr. Palladino and
Mr. Pompano
Mrs. Forti, Assist. Supt. of Curriculum & Instruction

ARRIVED LATE: Mrs. Maisano and Mrs. DePalma (6:43 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Serio, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Acquarulo, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Lathrop, Business Administrator
Mr. Travaglino, Director of Bldgs. & Grounds
Mrs. Schmidt, Administrator

1. OPEN MEETING

Mrs. Vineyard called the PTA/PTO/PTC Subcommittee meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. in the Boardroom at East Haven High School.

2. Discussion Regarding Orientations, Welcome Back Nights, Etc.

Mrs. Vineyard explained that tonight was just an open forum for discussion on what the parents might like to do to welcome everyone back to their schools. There were four parents at the meeting and there was discussion regarding fundraising events and how some of these events could take place in conjunction with sister schools. There was discussion on having an orientation/social night for each of the schools before school started. This would give everyone a chance to meet their staff, teachers and the new principals. Mr. Serio had spoken with Mr. Lathrop about supporting the

PTA's, etc. to make sure these events took place. This would help the parents as far as custodial overtime and some of the expenses instead of having them pay for it themselves.

Mr. Serio stated they should know by the end of the week the schools and sessions the students would be attending. If enrollments changed drastically, there may be some issues, but they would deal with them.

There was further discussion on when the orientations would take place and most likely they would take place on the Wednesday and Thursday before Labor Day weekend. Mrs. Schmidt felt that the new principals needed to be involved in the decision-making process regarding the socials and orientations. These did not need to be elaborate functions.

Mrs. Vineyard felt they should have another subcommittee meeting to discuss what type of socials they wanted. She also thought that the sharing of field trips and other events was a very good idea.

The sister schools were D.C. Moore/Momauguin; Overbrook/Tuttle; and Deer Run/Ferrara.

Mrs. DePalma and Mrs. Maisano arrived at 6:43 p.m.

There was discussion regarding the Middle School and whether they would have an orientation. Normally the kids don't find out where they go until the first day of school and they meet by their grade separately. When the administrators return to school, it could be discussed with them in order to try and set something up. The parents that were at the meeting filled out their contact information and gave it to the Board Clerk. This will be forwarded to Kristen Vineyard.

Mr. Serio felt that Central Office should not plan the school events. That should be left up to the parents and the principal. The principals return on August 10th.

There was discussion on the difference between PTA, PTO and PTC and whether or not this should be uniform across the district. **Mrs. DePalma volunteered to bring back different information in order for them to make an informed decision.**

Mrs. DePalma asked that this year the calendars be looked at more closely because sometimes there were three or four events happening on one night. Parents could not be in three places at one time.

The next subcommittee would be on August 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. A Connect Ed call will be made to make sure this meeting happens.

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. Maisano and seconded by Mrs. DePalma. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**MRS. KRISTEN VINEYARD, CHAIRPERSON
PTA/PTO/PTC ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**