

**Curriculum Committee Report
May 2010**

Chairs: Ted Willard and Rebecca Smondrowski

The Curriculum Committee met with Erick Lang (Associate Superintendent of the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs) and Betsy Brown (Director of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction) this month and learned about some reorganization within the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs (OCIP). Due to the current budget shortfalls, MCPS decided to get rid of its Office for Organizational Development (OOD). This office was responsible for almost all of the professional development training in the school system. The various responsibilities of OOD have been moved to other parts of the school system, such as Human Resources, the Office of School Performance (OSP), and the Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs (OCIP)

OCIP will maintain a PreK-12 Content Team, headed by Betsy Brown, that will have curriculum supervisors in various subject areas. An Elementary Integrated Curriculum Team, headed by Terry Cepaitis, will provide support to elementary teachers. And a School Support Team will be made up of the current Directors of Elementary, Middle and High School Instruction and Achievement (Ebony Langford, Linda Ferrell, and Carol Blum respectively) joined by six specialists moving over from the Office of Organizational Development who support each of the six areas of clusters in the county. The head of the School Support Team has not yet been selected.