



Regional School District #4
Chester – Deep River – Essex – Region 4
Joint Board of Education Sub-Committee Meeting

Date: October 16, 2012

Committee: JOINT BOE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Mary-Beth Harrigan* (R4)	X	Dave Berardis (DR)	X	Joanne Beekley	X
Laurie Tomlinson (R4)		Elizabeth Tracy (DR)	X		
Ann Monaghan (R4 ALT)	X	Julia Grabowski (DR ALT)	X		
David Fitzgibbons (C)	X	Jeff Burzin (E)	X		
Laurie Rubinow (C)		Adam Conrad (E)	X		

X = present

* = Chair

Items/Discussion:

- Summer Curriculum Work Update
 - Math – Kathryn Ryan, JWMS, reviewed the work done to align the math curriculum in grades 6-8 with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) while addressing the CT Grade Level Expectations (GLE) that will be tested for two more years on the CMT.
 - English/Language Arts – Jessica Bialobrzscki, VRHS, reviewed how the English courses at VRHS are being adjusted to meet the increased rigor that the CCSS expects. An expansion of what is considered text (videos, paintings, speeches, etc.) and the focus on text complexity were explained.
- Curriculum Committees - Schedule for 2012-13 was distributed. Most committees meet K-12 twice a year to share what is happening across the grades and plan for curriculum revisions.
- Common Core State Standards – A new Curriculum Template was developed and is being used as curricula are being revised. The template guides the work of all of the committees so that all components that are necessary are included in each document.
- Professional Development - Working with the Professional Development and Evaluation Committee a 3-year plan will be developed to guide professional development in the district. Professional development is evolving into a job-embedded, personally determined need.
- Student Success Plans Grades 6-12 - As mandated, a Student Success Plan was developed last year for implementation this year. Naviance will be used to store each student's work in grades 6-12 as it relates to Academic, Social/ Emotional and Career goals and activities.

Next Curriculum Committee Meeting on November 20, 2012

Submitted by: J. Beekley