



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

Date: October 15, 2013

Committee: JOINT BOE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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

X = present

* = Chair

Mary-Beth Harrigan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Items/Discussion:

- Summer Curriculum Update – A chart showing the projects completed during the summer was shared with the committee.
- ELA/Math Curriculum Writing – Presently ELA and Math curriculum writing teams continue to work. The PK-6 curriculum committees continue to develop units of study. The units are posted on the website for teachers to access. The units of study for Grades 7-8 and courses 9-12 are being implemented and revisions will happen after implementation of the units.
- Educator Evaluation Update – The Educator Evaluation Plan is being implemented. October 14th was dedicated to having staff learn how to use BloomBoard to track their goal progress. Additionally, professional development resources available through BloomBoard were explored. At this time we do not have our School Performance Index (SPI) from the State, so the schools have not yet developed that goal. Due to the changes occurring at the state level for testing students, SMART goals are being measured by non-standard assessments.
- Testing Update – We will administer CMT Science in grades 5 and 8 in March. We will administer CAPT Science in grade 10 this year. This is mandated. We will administer the Smarter Balanced Field Test (SBFT) to students in grades 3-8 and 11. Students will complete ELA and Math. This test is computer based. The testing window will be assigned to each district but will be between February and June. Once we receive our testing window, this information will be shared with the Board and the parents.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2014

Submitted by: Joanne D. Beekley, Ed.D.
 Assistant Superintendent