



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

Date: November 16, 2015

Committee: JOINT BOE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Lori Ann Clymas (R4)		Michelle Grow (DR Alt)		Kristina Martineau	X
James Olson (R4)	X	Carolyn Rotella (E)	X		
Robert Bibbiani (C)	X	Adam Conrad (E Alt)			
Charlene Fearon (C Alt)					
*David Fitzgibbons (C)	X				

X = present

* = Chair

Items/Discussion:

Unanimous vote in favor (4-0) to select David Fitzgibbons as Chair.

- **Next Generation Science Standards update**
 NGSS officially adopted by CSDE Board of Education on October 7, 2015
 More specific information relevant to impact, timeline to follow over the next 12 months
- **SAT update**
 SAT officially adopted as grade 11 assessment measure/graduation requirement by CSDE Board of Education on October 7, 2015. Connecticut School Day SAT will occur on March 2, 2016.

 More information to follow in the coming months regarding implementation and accommodations.
- **Social Studies – local history**
 Rebecca Suntheimer, JWMS Social Studies teacher presented overview information about the new CT Social Studies Framework, specifically its impact on grades 3-8.
- **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program**
 Brief discussion to introduce fundamental aspects of the program. Further discussion postponed to future date due to presentations at all Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Board of Education meetings.
- **Computer Science (new course proposals)**
 Unanimous vote in favor (4-0) to approve the adoption of the following courses at VRHS:
 Introduction to Computer Programming
 Mobile Application Development

Meeting adjourned: 7:13 p.m.

Next Curriculum Committee Meeting on January 25, 2016

Future Agenda Items:

- VRHS Course Proposals (Computer Science, Music Technology, Vocational Education courses)
- Next Generation Science update (overview and impact-secondary perspective)
- SAT update
- Social Studies (overview and impact-elementary perspective)

Submitted by Kristina Martineau