

## Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

4/19/21

Attendees: Timothy Van Tasel, Michelle Zawawi, Ken Smith, Dianna Kolodziey, Esther Dattey, Angela Peterson, Alex Zapatka, Cindy Davis, Jen Plourde, Nicole Degray, Glenn Gazdik, Maureen Sattan, Scott Lingenfelter, Jamie Drzyzga, Justin Kaput (joined at 5:48)

1. Call to order: 5:02 pm
2. Michelle Zawawi, Esther Dattey, the Suffield Middle School administration and science team shared their textbook request and proposal for new 6-8 LabAids SEPUP science text, digital access, and lab kits. They have been reviewing and vetting multiple resources and materials for approximately two years. It was determined that the LabAids SEPUP program was best fit for our students needs and aligned with NGSS standards. It provides students with the opportunity to critically think and apply knowledge to real world problems. The program will come at an initial cost of \$65,192.06 with a subsequent cost of \$2000-\$2500 in following years for student digital access to each unit and consumable items. The initial cost includes a classroom set of texts, a 7-year subscription to the digital teacher resources, lab kits and consumables and a 1-year student subscription. The middle school teachers unanimously agreed this is a program that best fits the needs of our SMS student body.
3. Justin Kaput shared the program his students designed for Earth Day: Zoom to the Hart. They held a Student Sustainability Summit with 11 other schools and districts. The summit included experts in their field and an opportunity for each district to generate a Sustainability Action Plan for their school community.
4. Adjournment: 6:05 pm