

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting

March 26, 2024

Suffield Middle School Room C120

Attendees: Board members Melissa Finnigan, Maureen Sattan (via phone), Tracy Cloyd (via phone), and Debra Dudack, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi, Suffield High School Assistant Principal Shannon Inero, Suffield High School Teachers Steven Wheeler and Julie Haefner

Call to Order at 8:30am

Discussion of new Modern World History textbook:

Steven Wheeler presented a new textbook from Savvas that was published in 2022 to replace the current textbook which was published in 1992.

The History Department is currently using the textbook from Savvas for their Civics Class and they feel that the textbook along with the online textbook subscription has contained good information for them to use the same publisher for the Modern World History class. He demonstrated the online textbook and feels that it would be a good fit for the History Department. Tracy Cloyd asked if they piloted other textbooks. Steven Wheeler responded that they reached out to two other publishers with no response and since they are currently using this publisher, they felt comfortable with the content and the workflow.

The cost of the online textbook with 40 hardcopies will cost approximately \$14,000 to \$24,400 depending on if we do a 3,5 or 7 year subscription. Usually go with a 5 year subscription. This amount is included in the 24/24 budget.

Discussion of new Exercise and Wellness for Everyone ECE course:

Julie Haefner attended the meeting to request that she bring this elective, one semester course to our program of studies for the 2025/2026 school year. She was accepted for the training and will be attending that training in May 2024 with our support. West Hartford is starting this course in the 2024/2025 school year so she is looking forward to following up with them on the course being a semester or full year course. The course teaches the five pillars of health (exercise, nutrition, sleep, stress and relationships.) This course would be offered in place of one of her current foods classes as an elective. Support was given from the committee but stressed to Michelle Zawawi and Shannon Inero that we need to make sure we are going through the inventory of our electives so that we are not taking students from one course to a new course without seeing what classes are still current and relevant.

Tracy Cloyd exited the meeting at 9:20am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21am.