

Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting
December 4, 2024
Suffield Middle School Room C120

Attendees: Board members Melissa Finnigan, Maureen Sattan, Gianna Rossi, Debra Dudack, Superintendent Matt Dunbar, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi, Principal Anthony Hibbert, Michael Barile, Celia Wagner and Anthony Ferreira

Call to Order at 8:30am

Discussion and Approval of 6 courses at Suffield High School:

Introduction to Oceanography (MARN 1002E)-Presented by Celia Wagner:

This course is currently being offered as Marine Science in the Agriscience program and will now follow the curriculum for the UCONN ECE course. This will be a semester STEM course and will be offered every other year. The course will have an academic and honors component for the students enrolled. Celia Wagner is certified to teach this course.

Plant Breeding and Biotechnology (SPSS 3245)-Presented by Celia Wagner:

This course is currently being offered as Plant Propagation in the Agriscience program and will now follow the curriculum for the UCONN ECE course. This will be a semester STEM course and will be offered every other year. Katy Davis will be getting certified to teach this course.

Agriscience courses will be offered to the Agriscience students first and open spots will be given to SHS students as requested.

Introduction to Sociology (SOCL 1001)-Presented by Michael Barile:

This course will be new to the Program of Studies. This will be a full year Humanities course. It will follow the UCONN ECE curriculum. This will be an Early College Experience (ECE) course. Michael Barile is certified to teach this course.

AP Music Theory-Presented by Anthony Ferreira:

This course will be new to the Program of Studies. This will be a full year STEM course. It will follow the AP and National Core Arts Standards for Theory and Composition. Anthony Ferreira is certified to teach this course.

PARE (Principles of Applied Robotics and Engineering)-Presented by Principal Anthony Hibbert:

This course will be new to the Program of Studies and will be part of the CTE (Career Technology Education) pathway. This will be a full year STEM Course. There was some discussion on if this should be offered as a semester course due to the rigidity of credits for students. They will monitor it based on enrollment and the popularity of the course. The current CTE teachers (Sanchez and Tiroletto) will teach this course. Costs

incurred for the equipment will be covered under the Perkins Grant and other grants that have been applied for by the CTE Department.

Practical Home Repair-Presented by Principal Anthony Hibbert:

This course will be new to the Program of Studies and will be part of the CTE Pathway. This will be a semester-long STEM course. The current CTE teachers (Sanchez and Tiroletto) will teach this course. Costs incurred for the equipment will be covered under the Perkins Grant and other grants that have been applied for by the CTE Department.

Discussion of one pending course at Suffield High School:

Advanced Manufacturing Design-Presented by Principal Anthony Hibbert:

This course is currently in DRAFT form and is being vetted by the SHS Administration. This will be a semester-long STEM course and will be part of the CTE Pathway. Pending approval in January this course will replace the current CAD, Manufacturing 1 and Manufacturing 2 courses. More information to come at the January meeting.

Superintendent Dunbar left the meeting at 9:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51am.