

**Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee Meeting  
December 19, 2025  
Suffield Middle School Room C120**

Attendees: Assistant Superintendent Norbut, Maureen Sattan, Melissa Finnigan, Gianna Rossi, Gregory Sparzo, Principal Anthony Hibbert, Cynthia Pfaff, Whitney Joy, Laura LaFlamme, Steven Wheeler.

**Call to Order at 8:30 a.m.**

**Agriscience Proposal for Personal Finance Graduation Requirement**

Beginning with the Class of 2027, Personal Finance has become a graduation requirement. Dr. LaFlamme, Dr. Norbut, and Principal Hibbert proposed to have students in the Agriscience Program meet this graduation requirement through guaranteed learning experiences that include Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), the Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET), and the completion of the Everfi Financial Literacy coursework. Dr. Laura LaFlamme presented a Personal Finance curriculum cross-walk for the Suffield Regional Agriscience Program, comparing the Suffield High School Personal Finance course scope and sequence to the Everfi program, Guaranteed Agriscience Learning Experiences, and SAE, ensuring that the state-mandated personal finance standards are addressed. This proposal meets the state requirements for financial literacy and the recommendation of the 2025 ASTE review by the Connecticut State Department of Education. In addition, other school districts with agriscience programs have adopted this model. Students dismissed, unenrolled, or unable to complete all program requirements and graduate with Agriscience cords would be required to complete the Personal Finance course. The Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee members agreed with this proposal, beginning with the Class of 2027.

**Textbook Adoption Request for Grades 6 & 7 Social Studies**

Ms. Pfaff and Ms. Joy presented a new Social Studies textbook for Grades 6 and 7, as the current textbook subscription runs out at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Ms. Pfaff, Ms. Joy, and Dr. Norbut proposed that the Social Studies textbook be adopted for six years, beginning with the 2026-27 school year. Ms. Pfaff and Ms. Joy both piloted this resource at no cost to the district and have been impressed with the engagement levels of the students and their depth of knowledge. The proposed textbook aligns with the new Social Studies standards adopted in Fall 2023, which emphasizes inquiry and critical thinking. Dr. Norbut shared that purchasing the textbook subscription for six years was the most economical for the district. The Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee members expressed support for this textbook.

**Textbook Adoption Request for AP United States History**

Mr. Wheeler presented a new AP United States History textbook for Grade 11 students. The current textbook is over 20 years old. The proposed textbook is College Board-approved and aligns with the current College Board configuration/pacing for AP U.S. History. The Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee members expressed support for this textbook and the research that went into selecting this resource.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.