

**Suffield Board of Education  
Teaching & Learning Subcommittee  
October 13, 2016**

Present: Brian Hendrickson, Lori D'Ostuni, Susi Keane, Jeanne Gee, Natalie Semyanko, Damon Pearce, Kevin Mattia, Brendan Canny, Jeanine Rose, Bronwyn Monahan, Tim Kinel, Steve Autieri

**I. Call to Order 8:02 a.m.**

**II. Review Curriculum Cabinet Workshop and Future Meeting Dates**

The subcommittee decided that the topic for the November 22, 2016 Workshop will be “The Vision of Suffield High School” - (grading and transcript, eight period day, and how kids learn). January 10, 2017 and June 6, 2017 were also scheduled for possible workshops.

**III. UA Course Proposal “Robotics” for the 2017 - 2018 School Year - Suffield Middle School**

The Subcommittee:

1. Reviewed course proposals for Robotics
2. Discussed costs for the 7th grade offering in UA
3. Discussed how this course would serve as a “pipeline” to robotics at SHS
4. Asked that the course description be edited with a few minor changes discussed at the meeting

**IV. Writing Center Theory and Practicum for 2017 - 2018 school year - Suffield High School**

The Subcommittee:

1. Reviewed course proposal for Writing Center Theory and Practicum
2. Discussed costs, prerequisites and faculty
3. Discussed student .5 credit accumulation
4. Asked that the course still be available for students after school in case they could not fit it into their schedules

**V. High School Transcript Update**

The subcommittee discussed how the 2015-2016 SHS report card switch from number to letter grade was not consistent with the transcript. The SHS Administration has decided to change the transcript to letter grade. Also, 18 out of 22 area high schools use a letter grade to report out on transcripts. In their decision, the SHS Administration took into consideration the emotional state of students, grading rationale and the fact that Admissions Officers prefer letter grades.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.