

**LNSU/LNEMUUSD CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022, 5:15 PM**

Call to order: 5:33 pm

Members present: Wendy Savery, Stephanie Sweet, Allen Audette, Tina Lowe  
Others present: Bethann Pirie, Diane Reilly, Melinda Mascolino

5:19 Meeting called to order

Welcome to all from Wendy. She gave a brief overview of the new course proposals for 2022/2023. All courses are one semester. Bob Fredette, Virginia Parker, Kerry Sheldon, and Keith McKenna joined the group through Google Meets.

Bob explained his proposal for Accounting 2. This course will focus on accounting in the business sense, including payroll. The hope is to offer a bookkeeping certification down the road. The only added cost will be for license renewal.

Virginia proposed a Career Exploration course to focus on photo journalism specifically for the yearbook. Students will explore budgeting, writing, interpersonal communication, and photography.

Kerry explained her proposal for Dramatic Writing. This will be writing that's meant to be seen visually; episode writing, play writing, etc. The overall goal is for students to write their own 10-minute play that could be performed by the drama students. There is no additional cost for this course.

Keith's proposal was African American Literature. Readings will be from the late 1800's through contemporary pieces. It will be a deep dive into literature and the differences in authors to build connections to the African American experience through history.

Wendy and Bethann explained that there needs to be flexibility in math to provide a better pathway to graduation. Intro to Statistics and Probability would pair well with Consumer Math to make a yearlong option for students. Semester-long classes make it less overwhelming for students. Trigonometry is a good pathway to science and engineering. It will be a good choice for kids who can't get into Pre-Calc. The group briefly discussed the benefits of interdisciplinary courses, cross coordination with teachers and classes.

P.E. will have two new offerings. In addition to traditional gym class, there will be a Lifelong Skills class to teach the value of healthy behaviors and physical activity as well as a Strength and Conditioning course where students can utilize the weight room to learn healthy ways for both mental and physical strength. Both options provide a more individualized approach.

All of these proposals are dependent on the number of interested students. Wendy added that there will have to be clarity on what is accomplished during a semester-long class to ensure colleges recognize and give proper credit.

The group agreed all of these courses would be appropriate and beneficial to add to the existing course list.

Meeting adjourned: 5:50pm

Minutes submitted by Tina Lowe