

LNSU/LNMUUSD CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, March 13, 2023

Call to order: 5:15 pm

Members present: Val Sullivan, Allen Audette, Tina Lowe, Chasity Fagnant, Stephanie Sweet, Mark Nielsen, Bethann Pirie, Melinda Mascolino, Diane Reilly

Val handed out the 2023-2024 new course proposals. She explained these choices came from input from students and teachers. These courses are non-traditional in order to give students different choices, especially for those who need alternatives to basic classes.

The group quickly browsed through the handouts while Val gave a brief description of the five course proposals.

- **Epic: Rewild** is offered by Kim Hoffman and Amber Carbine-March. This is a hands-on, primarily outdoor course and provides opportunity for science proficiency requirements through an exploration of the environment, survival, sustainability and society.
- **Python for Physical Modeling** is offered by Kazuo Ora Cottrell, Ph.D. Students will earn science proficiencies through learning computer coding to model physical systems. Students will learn how to accomplish many common scientific computing tasks: importing, exporting and visualizing data; numerical analysis and simulation.
- **AP Pre-Calculus** is offered by Jeffery Beal. This course follows college board directed curriculum for AP Calculus. Students should successfully complete Algebra II before signing up.
- **Music in Movies and History of Rock, Pop, and Soul** are courses provided by Daniel Johnstone and Molly Maroney. These courses give an alternative to the performing arts. Music in Movies focuses on the affect and importance of music in film. Students will also get a chance to make a movie (create a soundtrack, produce, film, and edit). History of Rock, Pop, and Soul will show how music is shaped and influenced by culture. Students will learn about different genres and how they influenced the musical world.

Bethann explained most courses are topped out at 24 students. No courses are being eliminated; however, some are changing to semester length to accommodate teacher requirements.

Stephanie made a motion to accept all of the new course offerings, it was seconded by Chastity, and it passed unanimously.

Val told the group to contact her with any questions or suggestions for upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tina Lowe