

LNSU/LNMUUSD Curriculum Committee Meeting 3/10/25

Members Present: Monica Stearns, Tina Lowe, Kyley Hill, Stephanie Sweet, Kim Hunt, Jan Epstein, Diane Reilly, Betzi Goodman, Danielle Sweet, Bethann Pirie, Eric Hutchins, and Molly Maroney-Noce.

5:20pm Meeting was called to order by S. Sweet.

Kim turned the meeting over to Molly. She discussed her new course proposal, Sound Mixing 101. She explained sound mixing is a growing field and this course will cater to kids who wouldn't normally take a traditional music class. This course is a project-based class focused on music production and sound mixing. Students will plan, create, and produce their own album. Hopefully, the finished project will be 3-5 original songs to form an album of different genres. In the end, students will get feedback from their peers. The course is one semester and counts towards Fine Arts credits.

The meeting was then turned over to Eric. He talked about his new course proposal, History of Totalitarianism. Students will examine features, similarities, and differences between various historical authoritarian regimes. Teaching kids the history of governments will hopefully help them understand modern politics. Students may read fictional works like *Animal Farm* and Orwell's *1984* as reference in understanding larger concepts and hallmarks of totalitarianism. Students will learn what totalitarianism is and also about other types of authoritarian governments like facism, communism, and dictatorships. This is also a one-semester course.

After the group asked questions and discussed both of the courses, M. Stearns made a motion to accept both courses for next year. S. Sweet seconded and the group voted unanimously to accept both courses.

Kim will give an update on results in Literacy and Math testing at our regular board meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn at 5:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Tina Lowe