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March 27, 2018

Good afternoon,

The LMC met for the fifth time this year on Wednesday, February 28th at the SRS Library.

The meeting began with a discussion with the K-12 Coordinator of Music, David Kaminski along with music teachers Maria Varonko and Justin Canzano. They listened to some of the issues surrounding the challenges of scheduling band/strings that have been brought forth by some at the elementary level. They were able to explain to the LMC some of the steps that have already taken over the years to address the challenges of scheduling string and bands at all five of the elementary schools. It was also noted that much of the existing schedule was based around the needs brought forth previously by the elementary staff and were put in place approximately three years ago.

There were clearly a lot of variables at play when looking at this schedule. Mr. Kaminski informed the LMC that he and his department would be addressing K-12 leadership soon to speak to some possible changes to the schedule that may address the challenges that have been brought forward. As they had not had the chance to speak yet to the leadership team, they did not want too deep into that discussion.

Everyone in the LMC expressed their appreciation to David, Maria and Justin for being there and speaking to the concerns that have been brought forward. Everyone was optimistic that through the new proposals, the concerns around scheduling strings and band could very well be worked out.

The LMC then took a moment to review and approve the minutes from the January 24th meeting.

Finally, the group spent the remainder of the meeting discussing issues raised around the scheduling of open houses and/or curriculum nights. There were a number of options discussed from the type of conference that could take place, to when they would be scheduled. There was discussion on open houses, parent conferences, curriculum nights and even thoughts shared on the creation of showcase nights. By the end of the healthy discussion, it was decided that a survey would be sent out to staff to gather further input and ideas from the staff before any final decisions are made on this topic.

The next LMC meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 2:45 at the Ventress

Sincerely,

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