



**Three Rivers School District**  
*Quality Education Runs Deep*

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

**Administrator/Staff:** Danny Pratt / James Nelson

**Type of Item:**  Informational  Action

**Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?**

Gem Innovation Schools (a network of K-12 college preparatory charter schools) in Idaho has asked for James Nelson and myself to come and present on how we are building culture and making school fun for students at LBMS. Gem Innovation will pay for our flights and hotel rooms so no cost comes out of the district. We are excited to be asked to present because it helps us solidify that we are on the right path as a school. Gem Innovation Schools will pay for all of our expenses. The trip is July 20-23 and we will be asked to take up a two hour block of time. We would like permission to share our successes and failures and how we are learning from them.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

Last July when I was interviewing at LBMS I asked what is the best thing about Lorna Byrne Middle School? The answer from a former administrator was that he was the best thing about LBMS. Another member of the District Level Admin Team followed up that answer by saying that it Cave Junction is a community that wants to be great (great answer) and supports the school. At the completion of the first year Stephanie is right, Cave Junction is a wonderful community, but the best part of Lorna Byrne Middle School is the staff and students. The family atmosphere and the happiness that we are setting in the eyes of our students. I am excited to show the little things we have done to make LBMS a better school with room to improve.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

We present our changes that reaffirm to our staff that we are heading the right direction and also that we have a long way to go still. James Nelson gets practice becoming a leader in the school.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

James Nelson gets offered a job after wowing the Gem Innovation Schools admin team. In all honesty I don't see a bad outcome to the trip.

**List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?**

LBMS could take all of July off and spend time with our families.

**Superintendent's recommendation(s):**

**Approve:** Yes  No