



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 21-Jun-10

Agenda # _____

Staff/Administrator: Brice Cloyd / Damian Crowson

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

We propose to take Lorna Byrne's Concert Band and Choir (approximately 60) to the 2011 Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim CA from April 7-10 2011, for a quality music festival, awards ceremony, and performance opportunity. Students will participate in an adjudicated performance, an on-stage clinic, receive written and taped comments, group photo, Award Ceremony at Disneyland Resort, and get to listen to and collaborate with other groups from all over the country. I am hopeful the board will discuss and approve this important event for students at Lorna Byrne.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

To my knowledge, LB music has never taken a trip of this nature. However, Heritage Festivals are well known and respected. Heritage Festivals were established in 1980, dedicated to offering bands, choirs, and orchestras new exciting performance opportunities, with top rate adjudicators, and a well-structured curriculum. Their tradition of excellence remains unmatched, and taking a trip like this is guaranteed to increase student interest and enrollment in music at LBMS. Heritage Festivals is accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. In addition, Heritage Festivals offers academic credit for students and professional development for Music Educators.

List the advantages of your proposal:

This event features many benefits for LBMS students, such as:

- Performance in a National Music Festival
- Positive, constructive adjudication with taped and written comments
- On-stage mini clinic with world renowned clinicians
- Awards and trophies
- Commemorative pin for each student and group photo
- Professional performance recording
- Opportunity to listen to and collaborate with other ensembles
- Performance awards ceremony and National Music Festival Celebration at Disneyland
- Performance in a famous venue
- One Day Disneyland park pass
- Heritage approved, student friendly hotel stay
- One free package for every 25 packages purchased

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The only perceived disadvantage is the distance we must travel, and the cost per student. However, with sufficient fundraising, I am confident that we will easily overcome that issue, based upon fund raising success we experienced this year during which the music department raised \$12,000 in cash and in-kind donations. I believe this is the kind of opportunity this community will support for our students.

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

There are no reasonable alternatives that offer such an appealing and exciting musical experience. The goal is to increase student interest and participation in music at LBMS as well as to bring the students together through shared endeavor. This will truly be an experience that our students will value for a lifetime. Lorna Byrne has shown fantastic growth in the music department this past year and this endeavor is a positive step toward ensuring long term interest and participation.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No