

SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Geoff Yantz, Superintendent

DATE: April 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of Naming of Music Room at South Pasadena Middle School

Background

James Macomber began his teaching career at South Pasadena Middle School in 1981, and spent 31 years bringing the magic of musical expression to students there and through his work at the three elementary schools. The modernization of South Pasadena Middle School included the creation of a new music room, which necessitated the movement of the existing music program to the school cafeteria for a number of years. Thanks to Mr. Macomber, this did not in the least compromise the quality of the instruction nor success of the student musicians in the program.

Discussion

Since the completion of the music room, Administration has received numerous requests to name the new music room after former teacher Mr. Macomber. The Board has received the related correspondence and held a public hearing on February 17, 2015, as required by Board Policy 7310. The Board held a follow up discussion at a regularly scheduled Board meeting which concluded in providing direction to develop naming options. A committee of teachers, administrators and parents met on April 13, at which time the committee recommends displaying embossed letters above the interior entrance to the music room - "James Macomber Music Room." Upon Board approval, a ceremony commemorating the naming of the music room is planned for June 2, 2015 during the SPMS music concert.

Recommendation

Dr. Geoff Yantz, Superintendent, recommends that the Board of Education approve the naming of the Band Room at South Pasadena Middle School in recognition of Mr. James Macomber, former band teacher.