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Progress reported on adjusting class schedules at LVHS

(Lander) – Representatives from a crowd of over 120 parents, students and patrons told a work session of the Fremont County School District 1 Board of Trustees Tuesday night that progress is being made toward improving curriculum choices for students at Lander Valley High School.

Organized as the Citizens for Complete Education, spokesperson Judy Crawford said students at the high school are restricted in taking some elective classes due to the mandated Hathaway Curriculum and the school's current graduation requirements. Crawford said the group has been working with district administrators to look at various options, including schedule changes, online courses and creating curriculum efficiencies.

A second spokesperson, Lloyd Larson, said the group was, in his words, "very encouraged and pleased with what (the district) administration is doing" to address the concerns. Larson said Supt. Paige Fenton Hughes has given a green light for LVHS Principal Al Sparkman to investigate schedule solutions and implement changes, some of which could occur as early as this spring.

Sparkman said a major change of the school's schedule would be difficult until after the district's accreditation renewal process is completed, which is scheduled for next school year.

Larson said the group supports Sparkman's efforts to resolve the situation and he said the principal has the faith and support of the public.

During the 45 minute meeting, which was moved to the LVHS Commons due to the large turnout, several students testified as to the problems they encountered

trying to take certain electives while maintaining a schedule that would qualify them for Hathaway scholarships

Trustees chairman Bruce Palmer told the group that the board had heard their concerns. "We want to create opportunities for students, and high school should be opening doors and not closing doors," he said. Palmer said hearing about collaboration between the group and the administrators is a good sign that we are moving forward, it is exciting to me as a board member." Palmer also asked LVHS' Sparkman to look for collaboration in meshing the schedules of LVHS and Pathfinder High School, "to encourage more opportunities there as well."

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