

Beechwood Elementary School
SBDM Council Minutes (*Tentative*)

March 7, 2017

Council Members Present

Zach Ashley, Rachael Fait, Jamie Grubish, Dawn McGuire, Kalman Steinberg, Sara Tomelin,
Carrie Powers

March Agenda Approval

Agenda Approved (1st McGuire, 2nd Fait)

February Minutes Approval

Minutes Approved (1st Grubish, 2nd Fait)

Good News Report

National Board Learning Summit – Mr. Ashley was asked to be part of a National Team at a conference in Colorado, he will be one of a few people from the state of Kentucky.

Walk Through – these are going very well, it is great to see all of the incredible and innovative learning going on in the classrooms.

Seminar – the last seven weeks of seminar there are local business partners committed to participate in the final projects and proposal from our seminar students.

Chik-fil-A – Alyssa Warman won the Chik-fil-A art contest, Beechwood was awarded a \$300 grant and Alyssa received tickets to the Carnegie to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as well as a Chik-fil-A meal

Public Comment

Anne Thompson

School Improvement Plan

School Visits – 1st, 4th and 6th still to come

Writing PD – Day 1 of the training was very productive, day 2 will be at the beginning of the 18/19 school year

Cluster Groups – students, teachers and parents are all feeling good about the work and pace of learning that is being accomplished. With the continued success of these groups we will hit the ground running at the beginning of the 18/19 school year with the continuation.

18/19 Changes in schedule and Proposed Changes in the Arts and Humanities Schedule –

Mr. Ashley reminded everyone about the change in schedule approved by the high school SBDM in January, this change will take grades 7-12 to a 7 period day as well as the change in the grading system which will be going to a 10 point scale.

In order for our 6th grader to have the opportunity to transition into a more “Middle School” environment they will be moving to a 7 period day as well.

In order to achieve the optimal schedule for our students in k-4th grades a 5 segment Arts and Humanities schedule is proposed, this would include the following:

- Music (excluding 6th grade)
- Art
- PE
- STEM
- Library

Students in 5th and 6th grades attend Arts and Humanities on a quarterly schedule.

Mrs. McGuire suggested we consider a weekly rotation instead of a daily rotation, the council agreed they would take into consideration over the next few months.

Mr. Ashley asked the council to vote: (1st McGuire, 2nd Grubish) All in favor - All Yes

Student Achievement Report/Data

STAR – winter window January 8-12th had great results.

Fall to winter seeing substantial growth, would like to see the more significant growth in 6th grade. Researching other options for the high 6th graders.

Math numbers are improving showing us the programs being utilized are being impactful.

KPREP Planning – There are lots of changes this year to KPREP, KDE develops a plan and submits to the Federal Government for approval, this year the Federal Government did agree with KDE so they sent it back for revisions.

The three significant areas for elementary are:

- Proficiency (reading and math)

- Growth (table)
 - Catching Up
 - Keeping Up
 - Moving Up

Staying Proficient now does not give you points but does not lose points either

- Accountability – 3 areas schools are rated
 - Comprehensive
 - Support
 - Improvement
- Separate Indicators (writing, math, social studies)
- Gap – still reporting but using dial representation with a scale of “very low” to “very high”
- Other Factors – (attendance, behavior, opportunity/access, transition readiness (ex. Are 5th graders prepared for MS transition))
- No language mechanics
- Science only in 4th grade
- 5th grade – writing and social studies

Budget

New Business

Committees:

- Budget (Fait) (March)– will send survey to staff
- Climate/Culture (Grubish)(February) – focusing on increased ways to recognize students and staff. (Beechwood Way, announcements, assembly’s for recognition, student performances outside of school. Seek community donations, utilize 3D printer. Jamie will add document to shared drive and request funds from PTSA.
- Professional Development (McGuire)(April) - survey and meeting prior
- Assessment (Tomelin)(May) – input from Ben, Tonya & Zach

Upcoming Deadlines/Agendas/Meetings

4/2-6		Spring Break (SBDM Meeting will be one week later on April 11 th)	
5/21	6:00pm	Kindergarten Graduation	Commons
5/23		6 th Grade Graduation	Gym

5/25 6:30pm High school Graduation Football Field

Adjourn

4:57pm (1st McGuire, 2nd Grubish)