

Beechwood High School

School Based Decision Making Council

Call to Order:

Beechwood High School's SBDM Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 by Justin Kaiser. The following quorum was present for an open-session meeting:

Matthew Behrensmeier, Tanya Boyle, Sally Grunkemeyer, Jodi Henry, Dawn Norris, Holly Pitts, and Eric Schlinger. Sarah Schobel was also present.

Pledge to the Flag

Agenda Approval:

- Motion to approve: Jodi Henry. Second: Holly Pitts. Approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve January minutes with minor spelling corrections: Holly Pitts. Second: Eric Schlinger. Approved by voice vote.

Good News Report

- Teachers and students of the month were recognized. Teachers: Molly Seifert and Bryan Pitts. Students: Joseph Paulson and Daniel Mescher.
- The 7th and 8th grade boys basketball team won their championship.
- Beechwood will be showing support for Marshall County on Friday. Everyone is being asked to wear orange and blue to have a school picture taken.
- Numerous members of the Forensics Team were regional runners-up and champions in the KHSSL Regional Tournament.

Audience of Citizens:

- Darlene Alley expressed her support for the review of the school grading scale. She feels the proposed revisions put our students on a more level playing field with students from other schools when it comes to applying for scholarships.

Old Business:

- Numerous sex education curriculum programs have been presented and reviewed by council since the January meeting. The options include Making Proud Choices, Positive Prevention Plus, Health Visions, New Hope, and having Ryan Booth teach the basic state standards while monitoring changes from KDE. Jefferson County Public Schools were consulted. They recently voted to go with the state standards in order to avoid controversy. They have offered to let Ryan Booth visit the school to observe training for state standards. Discussions were held about the conflicts that arise when values are involved in the curriculum. Motion to have Ryan Booth teach the state standards: Eric Schlinger. Seconded: Holly Pitts. Approved by voice vote.

New Business:

- With the new seven-period schedule approved for the next school year, teachers were given the opportunity to request specific courses they would like to add to the curriculum. Those courses were presented for review and approval. Motion to approve: Tanya Boyle. Seconded: Holly Pitts. Approved by voice vote. The courses will be opened for students to sign up and they will be determined by enrolment.
- Proposed changes to the school grading policy were presented for review. Motion to change to a 10-point scale: Jodi Henry. Second: Dawn Norris. Approved by voice vote. Motion to remove weights from honors classes: Tanya Boyle. Second: Jodi Henry. Approved by voice vote.
- Program Review Assurances were presented for review. Each SBDM member signed off on the assurances. That will be submitted to the state.

Budget Report:

- Total available budget as of 2/5/18: -\$859.51. Year to date expenditures: \$141,796.09. There are some encumbered expenses that will be figured back into the budget.
- Activities budget was also presented for review.

Meeting Extension:

- Motion to extend meeting to 6:45: Tanya Boyle. Second: Holly Pitts. Approved by voice vote.

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- Motion to extend meeting to 6:50: Tanya Boyle. Second: Jodi Henry. Approved by voice vote.

Principal's Report:

- Michael Brinkman presented a report on the Culture and Climate Committee's activities, which have included faculty/staff comradery as well as getting faculty input on the new administration.

- An update was given on assessment work, including SGG and midterm analysis. The same will be done for finals on March 30th.
- A summary was submitted into the Google Drive on teacher visits to Madiera, Wyoming, and Marimont schools for observation.

Audience of Citizens:

- None

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn: Tanya Boyle. Second: Eric Schlinger. Adjourned at 6:53.
- The next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 7th, 2018.

Submitted by Bryan Pitts