

**Beechwood High School**  
**School-Based Decision Making Council**

**Call to Order:**

Beechwood High School's SBDM Council meeting was called to order at 3:23 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021 by Justin Kaiser. The following quorum was present for the meeting: Justin Kaiser, Jodi Henry, Sally Grunkemeyer, Lisa Sletto, Elsheika Thompson, and C.J. Fryer. The meeting was also open to the public via a live Google Meet session.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Agenda Approval:**

- Motion to approve the agenda: Sally Grunkemeyer. Second: Jodi Henry. Approved by consensus.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion to approve the January Curriculum/Instruction meeting minutes: Lisa Sletto. Second: C.J. Fryer. Approved by consensus.
- Motion to approve the January Culture/Climate meeting minutes: Jodi Henry. Second: Lisa Sletto. Approved by consensus.
- Motion to approve the January SBDM Council regular meeting minutes: Jodi Henry. Second: Lisa Sletto. Approved by consensus.

**Audience of Citizens:**

- We had three members in the audience of citizens with no comment at the beginning of the meeting. One audience member shared at the end that Mrs. Klare may be able to support students who want to be educators through the Future Educators of America.

**Good News Report**

- March 1st we will be coming back for all students in person 5 days per week. Our staff is working on plans for classrooms, seating charts, masks, traffic, and lunch.
- For Black History Month, NHS is making announcements each day to highlight a regional or local black historical figure.
- Winter sports are going well with girls/boys basketball, bowling, and archery. Swim/dive student-athletes had girls place 1st and boys place 2nd recently. Our theatre students are also working on their musical that will be recorded and tickets to view the show virtually will be sold.
- Both the middle school and high school academic teams hosted Governor's Cup virtually this year and had students perform well and place at both competitions. They will now move on to regionals.
- Miami University students came to evaluate our EDGE program as part of their challenge in the Farmers' School of Business. They had excellent suggestions that we will pull from to continue improving our EDGE opportunities for students.
- The PTSA has donated 50 more testing tables that help us for testing, extra lunch space, and many more opportunities.
- The Beechwood Brew (student-run business) opened back up this week!
- Our 8th grade Seminar challenge was to create a flyer and video to promote each of the minors for scheduling. They did a great job and developed many professional skills.
- The NJHS and NHS students are taking major leadership roles in the organizations and are putting in large amounts of time and effort.

**Old Business**

- Council reviewed the CSIP with all previous revisions. Motion to approve the CSIP: C.J. Fryer. Second: Jodi Henry. Approved by consensus.

**New Business:**

- Council reviewed the Program of Studies and new updates of particular importance. These items include: we will offer middle and high school Mandarin next year. This does not require an extra allocation due to our collaboration with the Confucius Institute at UK. Art 7 will now be MS Art so that both 7th and 8th graders can have this elective. Intro to Media Design will now open up to 8th grade so that they could take that course for high school credit. As a reminder, we updated the Program of Studies to match the Handbook that states World History OR European History could fulfill that graduation requirement. Cybersecurity will replace the name of the C++ course to better reflect the content and needs of the minor. AP Computer Science A will only be offered for juniors and seniors. World Studies has been removed since that elective has not had enough students to justify a class in the past couple of years. We will also offer an Honors English for 8th grade next year. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Program of Studies: Elsheika Thompson. Second: Jodi Henry. Approved by consensus.

**Budget Report:**

- Council will review the SBDM Council and activities budget along with expenditures.

**Principal's Report:**

- There will be an AP Saturday on March 27th to help students prepare.
- Peer observations for our staff will start in February to learn from one another.
- Council reviewed MAP data from our winter administration. They looked at both achievement and growth.
- We will have ACT prep sessions for juniors on February 8th and 22nd.
- We will have summer sessions to support students who most need intervention. The students selected for this will be based upon MAP data and input from lab teachers. This is in collaboration with Beechwood Elementary to support all of our middle grades students.
- Mr. Kaiser reviewed the scheduling timeline including student and parent meetings.
- Our math department is continuing to review curriculum/text options for 7th, 8th, and Algebra I next year. We have reached out to high-performing middle schools to see what they use and are reviewing programs. Mr. Kaiser reviewed the timeline and process for this.

- Mr. Kaiser reviewed our desire to have our second recallable nickel matched to help with our building fund.
- The civics test is next week for all Geography and AP Geography students as well as any seniors who have not passed yet. This is a Kentucky requirement for graduation.
- Mrs. Hawes will be promoting internships for next year's seniors and including some great opportunities through our EDGE internship program. These will be publicized at the scheduling events.

**Adjournment:**

- The next meeting will be March 3, 2021 at 3:15 pm.
- Motion to adjourn: Lisa Sletto. Second: C.J. Fryer. Approved by consensus. Adjourned at 5:01 pm.
- Submitted by Sarah Schobel.