

BEECHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SBDM MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2020

- I. Call To Order: 3:25pm (switched to zoom meeting)
Council Members Present: Zach Ashley, Anne Chikwenhere, Jennifer Gasser, Amanda Raybuck, Anne Thompson

- II. Opening Business
 - May Agenda Approval - 1st Raybuck 2nd Gasser

 - March Minutes Approval – 1st Thompson 2nd Raybuck

 - Good News Report:
 - NTI, Wow what a great community, staff and students. Couldn't be prouder to be part of this team and of everyone's dedication, compassion and flexibility Zach expressed his appreciation!!
 - Parade and walk throughs are amazing.
 - Mrs. Cathy Wolff is retiring, last year teaching a class. Arrangements being made for car parade in school car line.
 - Jacob Sloane doing an amazing job with google meets with all age of band students.
 - Taylor Ross doing an amazing job working and supporting Choir kids
 - 6th graders still putting on podcast
 - Kudo Boards doing a great job supporting teachers with positive comments
 - Shout out to Jennifer Tierney for managing the library and making it possible for kids to still check out books and participating in grade level google meets.
 - Anne Thompson asked about students who may be at risk, Mr. Ashley expressed his appreciation for the way our support staff and technology department have supported these students and kept them engaged and moving forward.
 - The Boo staff (Brandon and Tim) have been phenomenal with our students and staff during NTI.

- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. School Improvement Planning:
 - a. Master Schedule – Very minimal changes from the past two-years. Change – 6th grade seminar will be incorporated into the day. 4th grade will be in a departmental schedule.
 - b. Programs – List of programs included on budget with the list of programs we have purchased and the amounts.
 - a. Elementary Musical – Mrs. Thompson asked if we asked the board to fund the Elementary Musical. Mr. Ashley explained that we did ask (\$5k) and were told not at this time.
- V. Student Achievement Report/Data
 - a. 4th Quarter Grades Discussion – Encouraged through NTI for participation to weigh heavily on 4th quarter grading, make every effort for student grades to be consistent with 3rd quarter grade. Grade level awards will still be given out, just not in an in-person ceremony.
- VI. Budget Report:
 - a. Expenses – Discussed District money in the total and the allocation (ADA) money that comes from the state, the money has been reduced due to state budget. Budget forms are located on the google drive. Money that is not used on programs goes into the rotating items that need to be replaced, Smartboards etc...)
 - b. Elementary Ledger account does carry a small balance, that is due to athletics (uniforms, equipment). Activity money is for basically things that occur outside of the school day. Mr. Ashley asked Volleyball to reduce their fee, they have been able to carry a balance over the past few years, have not arrived at a concrete number but will in the next few weeks.
 - c. Mrs. Gasser shared information which came from the budget committee meeting and survey results from staff on which programs teachers are most using, what they want to continue with and wish list items.
- VII. Bylaw or Policy Review/Readings/Adoption
- VIII. Program Review/AdHoc Committee Reports
 - a. Updates – Budget Survey and planning for 2020 – See Above
- IX. New Business
 - a. May 1 Allocation – Mr. Ashley explained that under additional certified staff the number has been 3.2 for a long time (Art,, PE, Music,) it is now 4.2, this was requested from the elementary school and given from the District for the position of Seminar. This position will be primarily 6th grade, Seminar being offered in periods throughout the day. This position will help advance the program and assist students in transitioning to the EDGE program in high school.
 - b. Tuition – June 4 – June 4th is tuition testing on a staggered schedule, as of 5/6, there are 28 tuition applications. We are communicating procedures to the applicants and their families on how we will do this and also follow CDC guidelines.
- X. Upcoming Deadlines/Agendas/Meetings
 - a. Newsletter – DATES – newsletter is critical to communication during NTI.
 - b. Communication Plan – Attendance/2020-21 School Year/4th grade –

- a. Message to 4th grade parents about departmentalizing, the students will receive their schedule along with their report cards.
- b. Attendance Policy – we will delay the communication of the new attendance policy, we will wait until July to see if the state requirements on absent days and excuses changes. This will not affect the work portion or the pre-arranged.

XI. Adjournment – 4:10pm 1st Raybuck 2nd Chikwenhere