

Beechwood High School
Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee Meeting

Call to Order:

Beechwood High School's Curriculum and Instruction meeting was called to order at 3:17 pm on February 22, 2021 by Justin Kaiser. The following was present for the meeting:

Justin Kaiser, Sarah Schobel, Michael Brinkman, Lisa Sletto, Rhonda Shriver, Deborah Haggard, Dawn Norris,, Jenny Jones, Josh Bates, and Tracy Kaake.

Good News Report

- March 1st - full time back to school!
- We should know GSA finalists soon.
- The PTSA is sponsoring a virtual talent show.
- Our middle school and high school forensics teams are going to state!
- KUNA is starting and is a great opportunity for students.
- Send Mr. Kaiser any ideas for March leaders and learners. Our theme for the month is "we are responsible."
- The Beechwood Brew is back and all profits go right back into the classroom.

Old Business

- No old business this month.

New Business:

- Mr. Kaiser reviewed that we do not have a budget from the state yet but when we do, the district will be communicating out and Josh Bates will serve as a representative on the potential district budget committee.
- Scheduling for 21-22 has opened and all schedule requests are due March 5th.
- Peer observations are due March 31st. Please see Sarah's email for directions, who you are observing, and the form to fill out when you complete the observation.
- We want to make March 1st special when students come back full time for the first time in almost a year! We will go over some return to school items this week in PLC meetings (possibility of live-streaming for quarantines, lunch, expectations/procedures/consistency, seating charts, quarantines, etc.)
- The committee discussed options for prom and senior events.
- We have many assessments coming up (ACT, AP, ACCESS, MAP, and K-PREP). We will go over the admin code/testing training at this week's faculty work session.
- The committee discussed AP exams versus final exams in those classes. The committee also discussed the final exam schedule. To teachers, Wednesday (1st, 2nd, and 3rd), Thursday (4th, 5th, and 6th), and Friday (7th) are preferable. May 17th will be a field day/fun last day with students. [HERE](#) is the AP exam schedule. We are under administration one.
- Mr. Kaiser reviewed the free YouScience aptitudes test that we are piloting with Student Advisory. This could be useful for EDGE/future planning/ILP.
- Mr. Kaiser reviewed Beechwood Madness that Student Advisory is working on.
- Our math department is reviewing their curriculum and wants to explore Carnegie Math and GoMath further for 7th grade - Algebra I.
- AP Saturday, budget, purchases/needs, peer observations, and summer school/intervention were reviewed.
- Ali Lonneman will be out March 1st - spring break. Please reach out to her/Michael with any counseling questions or needs.
- There is a potential for an Educators Rising Club with a possible course we could offer junior year and then intern senior year.
- Please let Mr. Kaiser know if you want anything added to the newsletter. The calendar/important dates were reviewed.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Schobel.