

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 3:20 pm on January 25th, 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, and Josh Bates.

Good News Report

- Middle school and high school academic teams had students place at the district competitions and move on to regionals.
- Miami University students came to give us feedback on the EDGE program through a challenge for their capstone course and gave great ideas.
- PTSA is still giving us \$2,000. Be sure to let us know of any needs for students.
- We will still have a musical this year through a virtual format. They have started rehearsing.
- Our students are returning to Level 1 (full time) on March 1st!

Old Business

New Business:

- Be sure teachers are on their Monday Google Meets. These are required.
- Departments submitted changes to the Program of Studies to go to SBDM Council.
- 8th grade seminar students are creating recruitment flyers and videos for each EDGE minor as we lead into scheduling.
- The committee discussed the opportunity for Mandarin I and MS Mandarin to be offered in conjunction with UK's Confucius Institute. This will not take away from our staffing allocation.
- The committee discussed Art 7 becoming MS Art so that 8th graders could have the elective choice. However, they can only take this class one time.
- The math department is looking at possible replacements for SpringBoard for 7th grade math, 8th grade math, and Algebra I. We will be researching this semester.
- The committee discussed honors English at each grade level except for 8th so we will likely offer 8th grade honors for English next year.
- The committee discussed a summer school plan to address 6th, 7th, and 8th students who are low-performing after this year in addition to our normal credit recovery.
- The committee reviewed February/March dates and the scheduling timeline. May 17th will definitely be the last day for students. Graduation will be May 21st.
- The committee reviewed lists such as credit recovery, students in the building extra days, excused absences, and tutoring.
- We will have an AP Saturday on March 27th for students to review/prep for AP exams.
- ACT prep days were also discussed.
- MAP and PSAT scores were shared.
- Snow days versus NTI were discussed.
- The budget was reviewed. We will start planning for purchases/needs/department cycle for next year.
- COVID procedures and ReadySub processes were reviewed.
- Pam Boyle will be subbing for Ali starting March 2nd.
- If there is ever an emergency in your classroom, please call. Don't email in that situation.
- As a reminder, 8th graders in high school courses must earn a B or better for high school credit.
- It is preferred that teachers communicate with students via email, not text. If you must text, a parent should be on it as well.
- We will discuss peer observations at the faculty work session. These are coming in February.
- We will have a better idea of the budget from the state in mid-February. Please wait until then and we will see the impact at that point as we plan for next year.
- The committee discussed being leaders in culture/climate during this challenging part of the year. We need to communicate openly and be transparent. Please come to Justin/Sarah with any concerns.
- If you have anything you need in the newsletter, please send to Justin.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Schobel.