

August 19, 2020
SBDM Meeting

Boone County High School
7056 Burlington Pike, Florence, KY 41042

Attendees (Zoom meeting)

Mr. Schlotman, Mrs. Linsdsey, Mrs. Birkenhauer, Mr. Herald, Mrs. Wharton, Mr. Webster

A motion to approve the agenda with flexibility was made by Mrs. Birkenhauer; seconded by Mr. Herald.

A motion to approve July's meeting minutes was made by Mrs. Wharton and seconded by Mr. Webster.

Good News Report

- New lockers are in, the roof project is nearing completion as is the brick work, the entire interior has been painted by our custodial staff, and the white board project is completed which was paid by District.
- The back hallway boys' restroom has urinals and will have dividers between each of them.
- A crew is wrapping up electrical work outside (in the field & track area). Loose wiring and the poles have been removed and relocated underground. It looks entirely different now.
- In addition to the outside construction projects, the inside of the building looks good also.
- We had a great Opening and PD days with BCHS faculty and staff as everyone worked diligently on setting up virtual lessons.
- Schedule pick up has had a good turn out and fees are being paid. There were two, four-hour days for this.
- Having common planning time among core subject areas is working well. It also helped with scheduling process last spring.
- Mrs. Sutton was recognized receiving third place in the national Sons of the American Revolution Teacher of the Year Award.

Audience of Citizens

Mrs. Behne and Mr. Barnhill, BCHS teachers

Mrs. Behne, from the Science Department, presented a BCSI class proposal to provide students with engaging science projects. (Copy is in SBDM Binder.) There was a strong positive student response to this program last spring when it was offered free to schools. This program called Gizmos is compatible with chrome books. It manipulates experiences with "What if" questions, sets up a lab, runs the lab, and analyzes data.

It also guides students to discover what might be wrong with the experiment. It is interactive. The cost for three teachers/40 kids each up to six different classes equals a total \$1965 (less than \$9 per student) for the entire school year. BCSI is a foundational course to bring students up to a level to be able to take higher level science courses. These other classes already use different interactive

programs. This can be used after Sept. 28th. It presents real world problems to solve such as “Should wolves be reentered into Yellowstone Park?”

Questions and discussion followed.

Mr. Barnhill, BCHS band director, wrote up a District proposal for both band and chorus teachers during NTI to assist in teaching these subjects virtually. Mr. Turner asked him to go to SBDM to present the proposal and request funding.

Smartmusic is an online platform that guides students to explore music, solos, and different ensemble pieces depending upon their individual skill levels. With it, teachers can assign tasks to students. It is paperless, allows remote learning, and provides focused practice. It also provides immediate feedback to what is played so that students can correct any mistakes and move ahead.

The program measures levels of proficiency; and students can do retakes. Instead of sending work through Canvas to wait for the teacher to respond, this program permits faster feedback and how to improve before submission. Students can reach mastery level faster.

Practice tools are also available as well as accompaniment and examples of professional recorded modeling (performing with others). For assessments, teachers can build units within Smart music (and will these can be entered into Canvas. Rubrics can be created; plus 4500 pieces of music are available not counting solo in the program’s library. Smartmusic allows seamless flip classrooms (in color) and differentiated assignments for different grade levels.

Pricing: for each academic teacher is \$40 per year. Standard and Premium levels are available. For students to explore and choose own pieces from its library costs \$20 per year per student. Mr. Barnhill has talked to Boosters to help but with the cancellation of fundraising last spring, they do not at this time have the funds to pay for this online program. Its focus presently is for instrument repair (old and what students have from the school at home).

Overall, the cost would be approximately \$3,020 for choir and band students and two teachers.

Mrs. Barnhill, BCHS Chorus Teacher had originally requested the program ToneSavy--but she thinks now that a sight reading program would be more beneficial. Cost would be \$2 per student focusing only on sight reading, an estimated \$200 sight-seeing.com. As a result of cancellation of the spring concert fundraiser, the Chorus is in the red at this time.

Discussion and questions followed. BCHS band presently has 1100 pieces in its music library; however, copies would have to be made for each student versus an online paperless program.

The Standard package would be half the cost; teachers would still have access to full library; then, students would only have what teachers assign. Mrs. Lindsey, who has experience with Smartmusic, stated that it is a very effective platform. More discussion followed.

No conclusion was made. Council is not opposed to these proposals; but it is difficult to make a decision now without knowing our budget situation for the entire year.

SBDM has purchased for this Covid Fall preparations:

- KAMI was purchased through SBDM money that benefits entire staff and all students.
- Newsla --we went with the smaller package for approximately \$7000.
- Fast Forward was purchased: the District pays \$5000 of it.
- Hall Pass electronic program was approximately, \$3000.
- Plexiglass for screens in offices, thermometers, signage for building, footprints for the floor 6 feet distance, stickers on bathroom mirrors to wash hands (\$5000-\$7000).

The school also had to purchase 250 World Geography texts; AP Human Geography went from one to two sections.

Staff laptops are in terrible shape. Even though more memory was purchased several years ago, the fans, cameras, and other functions are going out and cannot be purchased. Going forward, the best option is a leasing laptop computers for teachers. The cost is an estimated \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year.

However, we have to get a better look at our budget before making a decision and taking a vote. We will be affected by the pandemic budget wise.

Budget Reports

Budget Reports, distributed via email, were examined and discussed.

Mr. Webster made a motion to accept the budget; Mrs. Lindsey seconded.

New Business

We have now qualified, so this year no student will pay for a basic lunch.

Motion to go into closed session made by Mr. Herald; seconded by Mrs. Wharton.

Motion made to come out was made by Mr. Herald; seconded by Mrs. Lindsey.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Wharton; and seconded by Mr. Herald.

Meeting ended 7:50 P.M.