

WCHS Regular SBDM Meeting

Tuesday April 14, 2026
4:30 PM Room 128

Members Present: Tyler Reed, Humaira Dale, RaAnn Miller, Dan Ruff, Lauren Mitchell, Brenda Cissell, Sara Gabehart, Brittany Goins, Chris Boss, Melody Hamilton, Amanda Best, Pam Duncan

Student Representative: Faith Ann Davis

Guests: Libbi Denney

Called to order at 4:30.

1.) **Opening Business:**

a.) Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Boss

Second: Dale

b.) Approval of previous minutes ([03.12.26](#))

Motion: Mitchell

Second: Cissell

c.) Good News Report

Reed: Scheduling is going well with a very high percentage of students getting requests filled.

Boss: Senior trip to NYC went well.

Miller: FCCLA has 3 teams that qualified for nationals.

d.) Public Comment

None

2.) **Reports:**

a.) [April 2026 Budget Report](#)

Mitchell: Is there anything new?

Reed: Department budgets are closed out, so now it's schoolwide funds.

Reed explained the timeline for funding from the state.

Gabehart: Is there a deadline for assigning fees for classes since department budgets will be cut drastically next year?

Reed: Still waiting on information from Central Office so SBDM can vote on department budget allocations for next year.

Dale: How does this affect students who cannot afford fees?

Reed: Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch do not pay class fees.

Ruff: Would cutting budgets for departments save much money?

Reed: Current expenses are approximately \$150,000, and we will be allotted approximately \$117,000 next year.

Dale: What about cutting the online subscriptions?

Reed: We have cut \$18,000 in subscriptions.

Hamilton: If we put all fees together for the school board, they will see what the budget cuts are causing in terms of student fees.

Reed: The standard we expect requires funding, so someone has to pay for it.

Best: The state is cutting pay for dual credit courses to 1 scholarship per student instead of 2. Midway is helping with a scholarship to cover part of the cost for students taking their courses.

Duncan: Parents need to fill out the free/reduced lunch forms.

Reed: The high school is the only school in the district that is not a Title 1 school because students do not turn in the forms.

Discussion of why students do not turn in the forms, how students turning in the forms would benefit the school, and possible ways to get more forms submitted.

3.) **Bylaw or Policy Review/Readings/Adoption:**

a.) Committee Policy Review

Reed: Currently we have no standing committees. Only 37% of staff members felt they had a say in important decisions on the IMPACT survey, and part of that could be because WCHS has no committees.

Reed: Proposal that WCHS brings back standing committees.

Goins: We got rid of them because teachers said no one wants to be on the committees, and parents do not join, either.

Mitchell: The middle school had the same ideas.

Ruff and Duncan explained how committees used to work.

Discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of committee meetings.

Discussion of open meetings during school hours.

Reed: Do we want to reach a consensus to work on a standing committee policy?

Hamilton: Suggestion that committees report to SBDM monthly to cover the open records requirement.

Ruff: There should be consistency in meeting schedules.

The committee agreed to work on creating a policy. Mr. Reed will put together a working policy draft.

Hamilton recommends committees for school improvement, curriculum, finance/audit, equity/diversity, school wellness, technology, data/intervention, communications (Mitchell), and hospitality (Boss.)

b.) School Day and Week Policy Review

Reed: Committees could handle this.

Criteria for developing the master schedule:

Hamilton: KASC (Kentucky Association of School Councils) representative said that the legally-required moment of silence should be added to the master schedule.

Reed: Moment of silence must be during the first class of the day. PLC planning time could be added to the master schedule.

Mitchell: What about having a deadline for schools to have the master schedule ready?

Reed: KASC representative advised against it because you lock yourself in legally.

Hamilton: KASC representative said give wiggle room instead of a date.

Mitchell: Question about wording of one criterion point.

Ruff: Question about wording of one criterion point.

Reed makes adjustments to policy in real time.

Motion to approve edits: Cissell

Second: Ruff

Motion passes with consensus

4.) **Old Business:**

a.)

5.) **New Business:**

6.) **Upcoming Deadlines**

7.) **Closed Session:**

a.)

8.) **Return to Open Session:**

9.) **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn: Miller

Second: Mitchell

Adjourned at 6:01 PM