

Athletic Board Report  
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**Introduction**

I am Tony Wagner, the new Athletic Director of Browning Public Schools. I have over 30 years' experience working in Athletics.

I was the Director of Student Activities at Browning Public Schools from 2014 to 2019.

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I am looking forward to working with the School Board, BPS Administration team, District #9 staff, BHS Coaching staff, Montana High School Association, Class "A" Athletic Directors of Montana, most importantly the Students of our School District.

Thank you for this opportunity to be back working with student athletes and professional educators.

**Winter Sports Coaches Meeting**

The athletic department met with the winter coaches to discuss what was needed to get ready for the new season of athletics at Browning High School. Boys basketball, Girls Basketball, boys and girls wrestling and cheerleading. We discussed tryout times and locations, parent meeting times and locations, student paperwork that would need to be turned in before the athlete could join a practice session. We talked about the winter sports schedules and practice schedules. Once the sports schedules are final, the athletic department will get the information out to students, parents, staff and community.

We talked about the eligibility policy, attendance policy, and the random drug testing policy, the discussion was the process of how these policies were going to be ran. So, we explained to them that it will be ran the way the policy states that the Board has approved.

We discussed making sure that our athletes that have a chance at competing at the next level are given every opportunity to be recruited by colleges looking for college athletes.

We discussed that the athletic department will have 3 student athletic managers that will help both the athletic department and the athletic teams. This is something new that we are trying and are expecting great things happening, we also know that there will be trial and error and will need to make improvements when those things happen.

We discussed with the coaching staff to turn what equipment and medical supplies their programs are in need of for this season so we can get the items ordered.

### **Boys Basketball**

Our Boys basketball staff is Daniel Connelly, Maurice Red Horn, Aaron McLean and Zachary Wagner. They had a coach's meeting and discussed each coach's role, expectations of each other, the athletes, and season. They are very excited to get to work.

### **Girls Basketball**

Our Girls basketball staff is Poorboy Croff, Leo Bullchild, Terry Whitcomb and Javier Bustos. The coaches have been having open gym for the past couple of weeks and are very excited to start the season.

### **Boys Wrestling**

Our Boys wrestling staff is Casey McDonald and Issac Wippert. Our coaches have been having open mat nights and open weight room getting ready for the winter season.

### **Girls Wrestling**

Our Girls wrestling staff is Mike Burns. Mike has been trying to recruit girls for the wrestling team. He is very hopeful that we will have some girls participate in the program this year. We actually had 6 girls sign up to join the team before the season started.

### **Cheerleading**

Our Cheer staff currently is Shawnee Skunkcap and we are hoping to fill the assistant positions very soon. We would like to thank the Board for approving a freshmen coach to the program this year.

### **Speech, Debate and Drama**

Our Speech, Debate and Drama staff is Edith Wagner and Masala Prellwitz. These coaches have their season off to a great start, the athletic department is very proud of the coaches and students. They are working very hard in their practices.

We had our winter coaches working on the MHSAA coaching requirements, and have a great response from them completing their requirements. Concussion in Sports, Fundamentals of Coaching, and Rules Clinic. We will also be working together to get all of the coaches registered onto Dragonfly.

Our department has created our paperwork that is in the Activities Handbook and built them into Dragonfly. We will be working to complete the process so our students and parents will be able to go online to the Dragonfly website and complete the paperwork.

Coaches as well need to create an account on Dragonfly and then upload the required paperwork for coaches.

Thank you  
Tony Wagner