

## **Browning Middle School Board Report November 2016**

### **Positives**

I want to thank Tony Wagner for planning a great Red Ribbon Week, and recognize Joey Brown, Violet Sinclair, and Ansel Traynor for spearheading Red Ribbon Week for BMS. All these inspiring folks did a great job!

We had a wonderful choir and band concert on October 28. The high school musicians joined our middle school students and performed in front of our school. The band did a great job, and our students were very attentive. Mrs. Matt is to be commended for all her hard work in encouraging students to be part of our school music program.

To close out Red Ribbon Week we had a Halloween carnival which was sponsored by the MBI team. All students who had a severe referral or four or more referrals in the month of October did not attend the carnival; instead, they attended either a session with Officer Higgins on making positive choices, or they attended a session with our fire department. The feedback I got from both these presentations is that the presenters did a great job and our students were very attentive.

### **Curriculum/Instruction**

Our SRI grant is in full swing. Our SRI teachers attended training in Helena October 10 and 11 to find out how to fully implement the grant. Starting November 1, we will be doing a PDSA (Plan-Do-Study-Act) six week cycle. The PDSA cycle will consist of the teachers implementing exit tickets based upon their unit organizers, and then studying the impact of their unit based upon the results they glean from the exit tickets. This is new to all of us at BMS, but we have great support from our consultants Brenda LaBrasse and Kathi Tiefenthaler, and our SRI support person, Stephanie Nunn.

Our 8th graders took the 8th grade version of the ACT test in October. Just like last year, we had a great deal of trouble with the electronic version of the test. Both Sunshine Gaither and Mr. Holm spent a great deal of time trying to get all the problems figured out by calling ACT and figuring out solutions. Hopefully what we learned with this test will help the high school have few problems with the actual ACT test.

Our new math coach, Janelle Chisholm was here on October 24 and 25 to work with our math teachers. Janelle is proving to have a great deal of knowledge and problem solving skills, as she helps our teachers with ideas on how to address some of the most vexing issues that our students have concerning math.

### **Sports/Activities**

Girls basketball, football, and cross country all completed their seasons. Boys basketball began last week.

### **Attendance**

October attendance: 7th grade 84%, 8th grade 86%, 85% overall

### **Behavior**

Referrals so far this year:

Type	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
# extreme	0	5	0
# major	0	20	12
# minor	2	78	70
Total	2	103	82

As compared to last year at this time:

Type	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
# extreme	1	0	1
# major	1	9	13
# minor	8	109	128
Total	10	118	142