

BPS Supt's Report

Home of the Browning Indians!



5 S's – Reminder

- Stop complaining** – educators and those involved, engaged, and working for public good;
- Shift** from negative to **POSITIVE** in all that you do.
- Share success** – consistently and constantly – it is not self-serving or “spinning” to share achievements and accomplishment – we need to be unapologetic for things that work;
- Sustain** the effort of positive, success, and optimism for the work of teaching and learning
- Start now**

How about that school spirit!

We had rave reviews on the first showing of the first skit this year! Thank you to Donna Yellow Owl for getting us moving and grooving and for the following participants: Donna Yellow Owl, Kristy BullShoe, Wendy Bremner, Ansel Traynor, David Ricci. I enjoyed participating as well. The students, staff and community loved it!

Infinite Campus Follow up Discussion:

The following individuals are our building experts...
 KW/Vina: Rose BirdRattler and Memory Tatsey
 BES: Sasheen, Jill, Kari, Dawn C., Shawnie, and Jimi
 Napi: Kim BR, Amanda, Korrina Kennedy, Michelle Harrell
 BMS: Sheila R., Arlan, Julie, Edna, and Keven S.
 BHS: Lorial, Ladean, Josephine, Travis M., Amy, Tammy, Glenda, Kathy
 BHA: Charlie, Chris, Brenda B.
 District: Everett, Crystal, Rikie and Linda
 Training will be set for later in July so we can utilize the training for the upcoming year. We will also schedule a day for building administrators and directors that utilize the reports. Everett will be working on this

Grant writing off to an awesome start! I am encouraged by the work Dr. Lester Johnson, Kim Tatsey-McKay are doing so far on this SamSa grant for our Suicide prevention grant the Garrett Lee Smith. We are partnering with the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council for this grant and it is a pass through grant! To date we have reached out to BCC, IHS, Blackfeet Tribe Chairman, Planning Department and school based health clinic.



Superintendent invited to Helena to testify on House Bill 420 "Grow your own!"

Representative Tyson

Running Wolf invited me to testify for HB 420 which is a "Grow Your Own" teaching scholarship program. His bill will be very similar to our 2 + 2 program that we are partnering with the University of Montana- Western and the Blackfeet Community College. It would allow a scholarship program to be monitored by the Commissioner of Higher Education and would then be given to 2 year Colleges, Tribal Colleges and Community Colleges around the state to partner with our University systems to bring in teacher programs in communities that have trouble getting and keeping quality teaching staff, due to the location. This bill would provide scholarships directly to students to pursue teaching programs within their own community. This is exciting to see we are paving the way to help build more teachers across the state. I was able to testify along with Kirk Miller - Executive Director of SAM, Dr. Vicky Howard Professor from U of M Western, Susie Fenner from Western Native Voice, an individual from Bainville, and another from the Flathead Reservation.

Projects/Meetings:

1) Attended the Blackfeet Tribe General Session on February 7, 2019 spoke about weather and safety. It was nice to be recognized by a community member and the Tribal Council members for being noticed for helping clean bleachers during games. I like helping our workers – it makes it easier for them.

2) February 18 we had our administrators meeting, evaluation check up, discussion on Immersion and to give our teachers permission to incorporate the Blackfeet Language into all parts of their day. Upcoming staffing meeting, budgeting and discussed social media and that their staff can be held accountable. I asked them again to reiterate this with their staff both certified and classified referenced.

3) I met with Michelle Douglas (our consultant for Math) for BMS and BHS on February 19, 2019 and it was nice to hear the progress that we are making at the BMS and the work put in at the BHS. She was really glad that Billie Jo took the time for one full day to do walkthroughs and observations and to learn the needs of the math department and see next steps for follow through.

4) Met with Rocky Mountains Leadership Council on phone for grants with Dr. Lester Johnson on February 20, 2019.

5) OPI came and met with our DLT team and coaches and are doing walk throughs in the schools with principals. We updated our action plans and the buildings shared their progress toward their goals.

6) Next Superintendent's Community Advisory Meeting – February 26, 2019.

7) Circle of Trust training with MSU – Bozeman – February 26, 2019 BHA Nikki and Nick will be there and I will be popping in and out.

8) Meeting with Billings Director of I.H.S. – February 26, 2019 I.H.S. This entails information concerning the documentary about Dr. Webb and MMIW.

Mission

Browning Public Schools works with all stakeholders – families, students, staff, trustees and community – to provide a high quality, culturally diverse education for all our children using guidance, teaching, and support through collaboration and communication.

VISION

Browning Public Schools is a safe environment that teaches personal and community wellness and provides support and strategies for overcoming adversity.

In Browning Public Schools, we are free to teach and learn successfully. We instill and develop respect and pride for self, family, school, community, our environment and all cultures through service to others.

We model hard work and personal accountability through humility and dedication – demonstrating that these values are the responsibility of all.

We cultivate and nurture strong partnerships with the community to build citizens who have a sense of place, respect for Mother Earth, and an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of, and to, all people in all communities.

