

Browning Middle School Board Report October 2016
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POSITIVES:

On October 4 we were invited to participate in the BCC Days of the Blackfeet. Our 7th grade and 8th grade each spent a ½ day at BCC participating in various activities. The students had a great time participating in the various games and activities provided by the college.

Ms. Hayes participated in the No Kid Hungry MT Summit held at the Holiday Inn. There were many dignitaries at the Summit including a number of people from the federal USDA program, the state Department of Health and Human Services, and representatives from every reservation in Montana. Lynne Keenan and Jerrica Lunak both did a great job of presenting all the new programs they've put in place to address childhood hunger on the reservation including breakfast in the classroom, the summer breakfast and dinner programs, and the food truck, just to name a few. Jerrica received a special honor from Governor Bullock and the first lady for all of her efforts, as did BHS student Kaitlyn Sharp.



SPORTS/ACTIVITIES:

BMS cross-country ended on October 3. Football has their last game on October 8. Girls basketball ends with their tournament in Fairfield on October 15. October 17 marks the first day of boys basketball.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CURRICULUM:

In September we were visited by a number of consultants. Brenda LeBrasse and Kathi Tiefenthaler visited BMS to help support our SRI grant implementation. For this grant, we have four teachers who are choosing one component of our instructional framework, fully implementing that component, and then gathering data to study the effects of the implementation. Our participants are Jodie Goss, Ron Tucker, Erin Gilham, and Laura Monroe. The component we are currently studying is exit tickets.

We were also visited by our Apple ConnectEd professional development consultant Bruce Ahlborn in preparation for this year's iPad rollout. Bruce did a great job of both supporting returning teachers and bringing our new teachers up to speed. We originally planned the roll out for September 15, but due to a few technical

glitches, we moved the roll out to September 21. The roll out went fairly smoothly, and every student now has an iPad to use during the school day.

We have implemented reading and math supplementary class for our Tier 3 students. We are using Math 180 and Read 180. The two teachers, Andrea Evans (reading) and Angela Heavy Runner (math) were trained in September, the materials arrived at the end of September, and now those classes are fully implementing the new curricula.

We are beginning to implement our new math grant. Our new math consultant, Janelle Chisolm, was at BMS for two days in September. She observed math classes and met with the math teachers, coaches, and administrators. She has proven to be very knowledgeable and is currently helping our teachers with strategies to teach number sense to their students.

ATTENDANCE:

We had fairly good attendance in September:

7th grade 87.7%, 8th grade 86.1%, total 87.1%

Our enrollment is:

7th grade 163, 8th grade 147, total 310

I'm really hoping that the board was able to secure some kind of funding when visiting Washington DC for a new multi-purpose room because our cafeteria is currently bursting at the seams. We can fit 10 tables in that seat 12 students each (120 total seats). The TAs came up with a stop gap system of splitting 7th grade lunch with half the students eating while the other half go outside, and then they switch half way through the lunch break. Teachers are also letting students eat in their rooms, and we are adding chairs to the ends of the tables to fit more students. Although we are making it work, lunch time tends to be chaotic and unsettling for some of our students, so we are really looking forward to good news about a new lunch room.

BEHAVIOR:

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