



Superintendent's Report
2017-2018 synopsis of the school year for
Browning Public Schools
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- 1) From October on we have met with Tim Davis and the Walking Shield Foundation. The Walking Shield Foundation brought 10-12 optometrists and 30 volunteers to Browning the week of May 14-18 to do free comprehensive eye exams and glasses. In total they served over 1100 students and 400 adults. This was a great turnout. Our students put on their glasses and said, "I can see!" This was really what it was all about. Big hats off to our nurses for registering all these individuals. We also had people from each school doing home visits to get these forms filled out for our kids. Our district paid for breakfast, lunch, snack and water for all workers and volunteers for the 5 days they were here. Everett and Pat Armstrong developed the culture event for them and Jim McNeely, through the tribe, provided the evening meals for them.
- 2) We ratified both classified and certified contracts within three months – April – June, with the help of both negotiating teams and HR – Emorie and Business office – Stacy. This I believe showed our employees that we value the work they do.
- 3) Our facilities committee worked with the board and Tim Peterson from LPW on preliminary plans to build an addition to the BMS and add a Sports Complex at the HS area for Browning Public Schools.
- 4) I met with the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council throughout the school year. I was encouraged with our partnership throughout the year.
Topics included
 - presented our building principals all of whom graduated from BHS and were Members and/or descendants of the Blackfeet Tribe. The highlight was a standing ovation from the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.
 - Presented our District Administrators and they in turn recognized Wayne Hall for the propane buses.
 - Presented our Pre-Kindergarten with the KW/Vina Principal Toni Tatsey and discussed our data and results of the program Montana Preschool Development Grant.
 - Presented our Senior Toy Drive with seniors – they handed over money for their drive on the spot.
 - Presented our 2 + 2 program in conjunction with BCC, BCC students, Instructional coaches and Napi principal.
 - Presented on our Immersion and Blackfeet Language with Robert Hall as a presenter. The council went on record to approve the teaching of one writing system.
 - Presented our attendance problems and asked for support.
- 5) Had a total of five Superintendent's Advisory Committee meetings this past year. At these meetings we looked at the Indian Policies and Procedures and made a few changes. We also discussed coordinating services. We renamed the committee to Pikuni Superintendent's Advisory Committee. Jennifer Wagner and Kari McKay both helped with this during their superintendent

internships. Present at various meetings also were John Salois, Toni Tatsey, and Matthew Johnson. During the Advisory Committee meetings we worked on our strategic plan providing action strategies in the following areas: Culture, Community Pride, and Community Wellness.

- 6) We partnered with Blackfeet Community College on their teacher preparation program with our building administrators. Coordinated efforts continued throughout the year. BCC, U of M Western and myself met with legislators of the education committee to inform them of this partnership. To date we have 6 teachers from KW/Vina, BES – 1, Napi – 6, and BMS – 2; a total of 14. In total for three years we have 30 teachers in that program. They are currently looking into adding a secondary math and science program. We will continue to look at this.
- 7) Worked with all agencies on our road closures and school closures, which amounted to 8 this year; more than ever before in the history of Browning Public Schools. Our Maintenance crew (under Reid Reagan) and Transportation crew (under Wayne Hall) had to help consistently and did an outstanding job plowing, not only our district streets, but they also helped with bus routes and streets that the old Town of Browning was responsible for in the past. Our food service department, during this time, came in and delivered food for the students in the areas they could get to. Our school security and Matthew Johnson helped open the KW for people who needed a shelter for a weekend. Our custodians, cooks and administrative staff had to trudge the weather to ensure the buildings were safe, students were fed and people got paid.
- 8) Food service (under Lynne Keenan) began the night feeding program in late April. This will continue throughout the summer and into next year.
- 9) We had our own presenters for the PIR days: Charlie Speicher for grief in coordination with the Tamarak Grief Center, and Matthew Johnson on continuing our work on being a Trauma informed and Trauma Sensitive district.
- 10) We presented plaques to all staff 20 years and up with the help of Technology - Everett Holm, and Human Resources – Emmy Bird. Initially we missed a few staff, but I think they all got taken care of in the end.
- 11) Our FIT program has really begun to see great things. Nikki Hannon worked hard to get this up and running. We had donations from around the state, town pump and local residents.
- 12) We Partnered with School Based Health Clinic on our diabetic screening.
- 13) All schools now have a parent center and some of these will expand further next year. They also changed from ISS to having calming rooms for PreK-8th grade.
- 14) We launched “Beyond the Brick Wall” and will now continue this in memory of Willie Morris our former Mayor. Challenged all our buildings to put up their pennants/banners/college signs so students see them throughout the district.
- 15) Changed our administrator meetings afterschool keeping them in the building during the day as much as possible.
- 16) Greater emphasis and partnership with Blackfeet Tribal Courts on student attendance. Classified and certified attendance was emphasized and monitored this year.
- 17) Greater emphasis on Culture across the district. KW/Vina had all PreK graduates wear Ribbon Vests or Ribbon Skirts, all were decorated with culture in mind for award assemblies. BES – monthly cultural on Fridays, plus emphasis on Ribbon Skirts with staff, Napi – More IEFA,

Ribbon Skirts with staff, and more cultural events, BMS – greater emphasis on IEFA, BHS – Ribbon Skirts, Shirts across athletics, honor society, graduation. We also brought in Professional Development for the BNAS staff using one writing system with a greater emphasis on building the Blackfeet Language throughout our district and community.

- 18) Building Community Pride: last year we had no community clean up events, this year our Administration/Directors had two community clean up days, and the district as a whole had 1 community clean-up day.
- 19) Partnered with Donnie Wetzel Jr. to bring youth leadership to a new level. We worked together to bring the students together to plan, organize and have the Promoting Youth unity! 100 students from Browning, Heart Butte, Hays, Great Falls, Cut Bank and Valier came together at BHS for a youth leadership day. Our district provided the breakfast and lunch for those students and adults for the two days. We also provided water for them.
- 20) We partnered with BHS and their Senior awards night and donated \$1000 to the awards. Every senior received recognition and an award. Families were all smiling and happy that their students were recognized. Both administrators and the counselors worked on this event.
- 21) National Honor Society ceremonies at both the BMS and BHS.
- 22) Building moral at Admin, moved the business office to the other end of the building and added another room to our HR department.
- 23) All school buildings now have doors locked and buzzers installed for safety reasons using Bus Depreciation Funds for safety purposes.
- 24) Babb now has new piping and a new propane tank for greater efficiency with heating system.

Emphasis in the upcoming year:

- 1) Continued work to ensure each student achieves at the highest level possible in reading, writing, math and science.
- 2) Staff and student safety – (including Bully Prevention)
- 3) To increase Attendance across the district in all areas
- 4) Continue to integrate the culture in the classroom
- 5) Continue to be financially sound
- 6) Continue to collaborate with ALL stakeholders and to increase parent involvement throughout the district