

## **Browning Middle/High School /WBH GEAR UP January 2024 Board Report**

### **BHS/WBH GEAR UP**

#### **\*Senior Advising**

We have been busy helping Seniors with their post-high school plans which includes completing college and scholarship paperwork along with the FAFSA. We had a well attended Senior/Parent FAFSA event on Wednesday, January 10th. Pizza and college prizes were provided.

#### **\*Dual Enrollment**

We have about 50 students signed up for dual enrollment classes with BCC (these classes are being taught by 4 of our very own awesome BHS teachers), FVCC and UM. I will share final numbers next month once we complete our final registration.

### **BMS GEAR UP**

Due to budget cuts, we are unable to fill the full-time BMS GEAR UP Specialist position so we chose to use the limited allocation for student services.

#### **\*Career/College Prep Lessons in 7th and 8th Grade Social Studies**

We have been providing mini lessons in these classes, once per week. Due to some missed days, we are planning to wrap up our “family budgeting” activity (where students are learning about personal finance and budgeting) by mid-February. The remainder of this semester will focus on college related topics.

#### **\*STEM events**

These are back in our budget. We were approved for 2 different events - 1 per semester. Due to being short staffed we are planning our first event for sometime in February.

#### **\*College Visits**

We plan to take all eligible 7th and 8th graders on campus visits this year. The goal for 7th is to visit Flathead Valley Community College - with 4 separate trips to keep our numbers manageable. We haven't heard back from FVCC on date options yet. For 8th grade, we will be visiting SKC with the plan for 3 trips (1 boy and 2 girls, since there

are more girls in this class). Our first SKC college visit was originally planned for this month but we had to move it per SKC's scheduling. Our goal is to hopefully get all the 8th grade trips taken care of in February.