

Browning Public Schools  
**Board Agenda Request**  
Meeting to Be Held: October 26, 2016



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**Recognition:**   ☐ Students                      ☐ Staff                      ☐ Parents  
**Information:**   ☐ Building Report                      ☐ Old Business                      ☐ Superintendent's Report  
**Action:**   ☐ Resignation                      ☐ Hiring                      ☐ Contract Service Agreements  
                    ☒ Travel Out-of-State                      ☐ Travel In State                      ☐ Approvals  
                    ☐ Termination                      ☐ Legal Matters                      ☐ Other:  
This action request pertains to ☒ Elementary (only)                      ☐ High School/District Wide

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**Date:**      October 17, 2016

**To:**          **John Rouse**  
                    Superintendent

**From:**      Jennifer Wagner  
**Title:**      Browning Elementary School Principal

**Subject:**   **Out of State Travel (School Related Leave Only)**

**Description:** Mrs. Elsie Ground is requesting school related leave only to attend the American Bison Society Meeting and Workshop and the Buffalo Treaty Meeting. This will take place in Banff, Alberta from September 27-September 30. The American Bison Society will cover the lodging accommodations and food. Mrs. Ground is active in creating lessons for the district and BES on cultural aspects. The knowledge learned at this meeting can be shared with other schools as needed.

**Financial Impact:** School Related Leave

**Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.):** Salaries, benefits, and payroll costs to be charged against budgets for respective building/department/program/grant as applicable.

**Attachment(s):** Leave slip and letter

**Approval:** Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board Action:**   ☐ N/A (Info)    ☐ Approved    ☐ Denied    ☐ Tabled to: \_\_\_\_\_

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016



John Rouse  
Superintendent Browning Public School  
Browning, MT

Re: American Bison Society Meeting and Workshop and the Buffalo Treaty meeting

Okii Mr. Rouse,

We would like to request the presence of Elsie Ground and Lona Running Wolf to the American Bison Society Meeting in Banff, Alberta from Tuesday, September 27 to Friday, September 30. The American Bison Society will cover the lodging accommodations and the food on site.

In 110 years since American Bison Society was established, important progress has been made to restore wild bison to large landscape in Canada and USA using a variety of strategies and approaches. It is now time to reconvene and explore the successes and challenges for bison ecological restoration across North America and increase our understanding of its social and cultural significance. The Buffalo Treaty meeting and ceremony will also convene in Banff during the same time.

This is a unique opportunity to learn more about the buffalo. New scientific approaches and collaboration from across North America will be presented as well as discussion on cultural dimensions of 15 First Nations, including the Blackfeet of Montana.

We hope that Elsie Ground and Lona Running will be able to bring back this information to incorporate into their cultural and natural science curricula for Browning School District and beyond.

Sincerely,



Marie-Eve Marchand  
American Bison Society Meeting



Jennifer LaFromboise-Wagner <jenniferl@bps.k12.mt.us>

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## Fwd: BPS Teachers to Banff

4 messages

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John Rouse <johnr@bps.k12.mt.us>

Wed, Sep 7, 2016 at 3:32 PM

To: Sicily Bird <SicilyB@bps.k12.mt.us>, Jennifer LaFromboise-Wagner <JenniferL@bps.k12.mt.us>, Jeri Matt <JeriM@bps.k12.mt.us>

Sicily and Jennifer,

See the attached request to have Lona Running Wolf and Elsie Ground to attend a Bison Conference in Canada. I need to know from each of you if you believe their attending this conference aligns with what we are trying to do instructionally (or culturally) in the classroom, so that we could grant professional school-related leave.

If you do then the next question are you willing to fund the travel expenses and substitute costs for the trip?

Please let me know right away, so I can respond to the request.

Thanks.

John

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Leona Tracey** <leona.blackfeetbison@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 7, 2016 at 3:23 PM

Subject: BPS Teachers to Banff

To: johnr@bps.k12.mt.us

Cc: Marie-Eve Marchand <mevemarchand@gmail.com>

Okii Mr. Rouse,

I recently received this formal invitation from Marie-Eve Marchand who is organizing the American Bison Society conference and 2nd annual Buffalo Treaty signing in Banff National Park at the end of this month.

Marie-Eve, along with the linnii Initiative, would be honored to have two of your faculty, Elsie Ground and Lona Running Wolf represent the Browning School District at this historical event.

If you have any questions regarding the ABS/Treaty signing, you may contact Marie Eve who is cc'd on this message.

Cheers,


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**Leona Tracey**

*Linnii Initiative Field Coordinator* for the  
Blackfoot Confederacy Buffalo Restoration Project  
Blackfeet Nation, Montana

Cell: (406) 450-0662  
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**Sicily Bird** <sicilyb@bps.k12.mt.us>

Wed, Sep 7, 2016 at 8:09 PM

To: John Rouse <johnr@bps.k12.mt.us>

Cc: Jennifer LaFromboise-Wagner <JenniferL@bps.k12.mt.us>, Jeri Matt <JeriM@bps.k12.mt.us>

John,

I see this opportunity as relevant from an scientific and cultural perspective. It is a great opportunity to have our own employees involved in significant cultural events and an honor to have two of our staff members personally invited to attend this event. I believe both of these individuals would ensure this information was presented in a meaningful manner to students and teachers.

Making the return of the buffalo an important event during our Cultural Day last year will correlate well with this presentation.

I really think we should all go! 😊

Sicily

Sent from my iPhone

[Quoted text hidden]

<ABS\_BPS invite.pdf>

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**John Rouse** <johnr@bps.k12.mt.us>

Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 8:03 AM

To: Jennifer LaFromboise-Wagner <JenniferL@bps.k12.mt.us>

Cc: Sicily Bird <SicilyB@bps.k12.mt.us>

Jennifer,

Sicily has indicated that having these ladies attend this function could be considered school related. Do you agree? If so you would need to cover the travel expenses for Ms. Ground out of your discretionary funds.

As you can see from below a lot of the expenses are being covered.

The two people could potentially use my school vehicle then all you would need to cover is fuel expense.

John

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Jennifer LaFromboise-Wagner <jenniferl@bps.k12.mt.us>

Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM

To: John Rouse <johnr@bps.k12.mt.us>

Cc: Sicily Bird <SicilyB@bps.k12.mt.us>

John-

Oops I meant to email, but had a meeting with OPI. I am in support of Elsie going from BES. She had come to me earlier and requested SR. I asked her to get the information so that we could make that determination. I will be willing to pay for gas.

Thankyou

[Quoted text hidden]

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**Have a Great Day!**

**Jennifer LaFromboise-Wagner**

**Principal**

**Browning Elementary School**

**BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Leave Report/Travel Request**

Employee Name: Elsie Ground Employee #: 10838

Building: BES Substitute Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEAVE REPORT**

Date of Leave: 9/27 - 9/30 Hours: 31 Type of Leave: SR Only

Employee Signature: [Signature] Date: 9/26/16

☐ Approved/ Condition upon the specific leave being available for the specific employee ☐ Not Approved

Principal/Supervisor: [Signature] Date: 9-26-16

**TYPE OF LEAVE**

AN Annual	FL Personal Leave (Master Contract)	ALWO Approved Leave w/o Pay (Holiday/School Break)
SL Sick Leave	JD Jury Duty (Attach Documentation)	ULWO Unapproved Leave w/o Pay
*** EX/SR Extra-Curricular/School Related	NG National Guard	SWP Suspended with Pay
	FN Funeral	SWOP Suspended with out Pay

\*\*\*If Taking Extra-Curricular/School Related Leave, Even If In District You MUST Fill Out The Bottom\*\*\*

**TRAVEL REQUEST (EX/SR-Fill out the Conference Name/Location Only)**

Conference Name/Meeting/Activity: Linji Initiative Project & Grandmother Project Conf.

Location: Vamp, Alberta Canada

Departure Date: 9/26/16 Return Date: 9/30/16

Departure Time: 6:00 am Return Time: 4:00 pm

Transportation: ☐ District Vehicle Per Diem \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Personal Vehicle • • • • • Mileage \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*The Following Forms must be attached or your travel will be sent back to you as incomplete\*\*\*\*\*

☐ Professional Development Form

☐ Hotel Confirmation • • • • • Purchase Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Airline Itinerary • • • • • Purchase Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Conference Schedule/Registration • • • • • Purchase Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

BUDGET#: \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal = \_\_\_\_\_

( ) % \$ **Check Total**

Employee Signature: [Signature] Date: 9-26-16

Principal/Supervisor: [Signature] Date: 9-26-16

Superintendent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature Required) White - Payroll Yellow - Accounts Payable Pink - Employee Goldenrod - School/Site **B02**