

Special Board Meeting (Draft)

Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Administration Conference Room

Present: Brian Gallup-Chair, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Steve Conway, James Evans, Donna Yellow Owl, Rae TallWhiteman (5:25 pm). **Absent:** Kristy Bullshoe, James Running Fisher.

Also Present: Shelly Hall-BTBC, Everett Armstrong (5:25 p.m.)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Ms. Yellow Owl. Motion passed with Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Steve Conway, Donna Yellow Owl, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans voting for.

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Gallup called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Gallup stated the BTBC via board members requested this meeting. The BTBC never formally requested a meeting. Browning School Board of Trustees is very open to this and are here for the kids.

Gym Use: Ms. RidesAtTheDoor stated the background for the request from the BTBC and other community programs was to help diffuse the situation with missing children and to get more activities for kids to do. Shelly Hall was at the meeting and Marty Rutherford-Fire Chief requested to work with the school and with the after-prom activities. There was also discussion that came up with other ideas. Ms. RidesAtTheDoor stated she did explain the things the school already does for kids. A couple things discussed was gym use on weekends, after-school activities, community activities, after-prom activities, and noted that the council is interested in supporting with the incentives.

After Prom: Shelly Hall stated the BTBC is looking at what safe activities are offered after prom. Mr. Gallup stated the information is offered to the public to be aware of what is going on in the schools website.

Matthew Johnson stated they are doing local activities at the schools, the swimming pool, etc. as going out of town is expensive. BMS has card games, video games, arts, crafts, volleyball, basketball and a shuttle bus from BMS to swimming pool for students who want to swim. The pool is giving BPS a very good price. BPS Program volunteers, Tony Wagner are providing meals, i.e. pizza and other snacks. Kids must be present to win prizes and must stay if they go to the after-prom activities. Mr. Johnson asked if the tribe has something planned for that evening and noted staffing may be an issue as we need at least 13. If school staff work, they will be paid. Chaperones are not allowed to bring their own kids to help supervise. Superintendent Hall stated it is a liability. Heidi Bullcalf's program will be offering treats, prizes, etc. All information will be on social media. Jennifer LaFromboise has 80 students confirmed to attend after-prom activities. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if the kids need parent permission and if they skip out who calls the parent/guardian. Mr. Johnson stated they can setup the process for permission slips; this is not full proof but will get kids taken care of if they skip out. After-prom goes from 12 midnight to 6:00 am and will shut down at 12:30 a.m. and won't take any more kids. Mr. Wagner stated in past kids were not allowed to leave unless the parents came after them. Also Mr. Wagner noted that the kids took a survey for prizes; gift cards, head phones, gas cards, food cards, candy, water bottles, bags, TVs, game players, etc. Kids will check in at BMS. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if they will leave the prom when it's over and check in at BMS or parent/s bring them. Mr. Johnson stated he can check with tribal programs to see who can setup booths there and stated that he would like to work with tribal programs more. Note: Blackfeet Housing donated \$1000.00. Mr. Johnson stated that students that don't show up to these activities is a concern but the school cannot do much after school hours; it becomes a parent issue. Mr. Wagner stated if the student signed up and don't show, the parent is called. Mr. Johnson stated that Spookinapi is working with the treatment center to provide rides home, no questions asked. The goal is to get kids home safe; the parenting comes after that. Mr.

Johnson stated they can call for a ride and it is confidential; we don't call parents. Mr. Gallup stated that some students may just feel safety is a concern and call for a ride. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if the tribe has set a curfew for that date; once the kid is in there other kids are out free-wheeling, is there a curfew. Shelly Hall stated the BTBC can get one. Mr. Evans suggested if kids are caught out after midnight make them go to after prom activities. Mr. Evans gave credit to law enforcement, stating it feels like the safest time. Officer Snyder will have 10 officers on shift, 4 normal calls, 4 doing license check and 2 doing checks. Mr. Wagner suggested doing checks around 11:30 and those that leave prom early during that time, Heidi will have her staff there for those kids. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if backpacks will be checked. Heidi Bullcalf stated yes, staff will be doing that; every bag will be checked. Ms. LaFromboise is moving the metal detector to another area to be used. Mr. Johnson will be checking things such as water bottles. Ms. LaFromboise is meeting with prom advertisers on morning of prom. The need valets and help from the board. Entrance will be setup on Saturday morning.

School activities: Heidi Bullcalf stated 21st century math and afterschool programs are open until 5 pm. except on Wednesdays. There is a lot of structured education. Students start swimming on Thursday with EeKahKiMaht open gym at BMS/BHS. The weight room is open and staff uses 5 am to 7:45 pm, M-Fr and is open 6-7:30 for open weight room. There is nothing on Fridays. Ms. Wagner stated Friday is overtime for staff to work and they would need permission. Superintendent Hall stated it causes staff burn out to be there every day. There is weight room on bottom and cardio on top and they would need 2 people to work. Mr. Wagner will have mornings for those who want to come in; some are so busy after school they want this time. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if Wednesday night is family night yet. Superintendent stated, no. Mr. Wagner stated that Browning is the only community that does not do this and if we did, it would have to be done before 6 pm. Mr. Gallup stated the biggest thing is that prom is covered; the more we have for the kids to do, the better off it will be. Mr. Gallup stated, it takes a community, not just the school to provide some events. Baseball plans are on the facility meeting agenda for Thursday, April 20 and is 1.5 years out. Mr. Gallup noted that the community does have a skate park and not just open gym. The community needs more activities and he is not sure of what all it is but we have 2 great programs and don't want this meeting to discourage this. Mr. Evans asked if any one that volunteers has to pass a background check. Superintendent Hall stated, yes; we can't just have random volunteers. Ms. LaFromboise stated that we have a group from the treatment center that uses the gym for their sobriety ball that starts at 8 pm and ends 12 pm and they will assist with decorating the gym as well. This is just for BHS and after prom is BHA and BHS.

Shelly Hall asked if it is common practice for kids to stay for the whole prom. Ms. LaFromboise stated that some leave because they are tired, or it's not their thing. After royalty is crowned most of the students leave around 11:30 pm. and some change and go to after prom. When students arrive for prom, keys are dropped off with staff and we know when they leave. Rae TallWhiteman entered meeting at 5:45 p.m. Ms. Yellow Owl brought Everett and Rae up to speed with discussion of after prom activities and that there will be 80 kids, at BMS and the pool. There are a lot of prizes and there are tons of activities. BPS is looking for more chaperones. Superintendent Hall stated if they have their tribal background and T-Hip requirements, and as long as they are not alone with any student, they can chaperone. If school staff is with there, it is fine if they have the tribal background. Heidi Bullcalf stated they are looking for 8 or 9 chaperones. Superintendent Hall stated she will advertise the prizes and that will draw kids in to. Shelly Hall stated if the tribe has any options to purchase prizes for incentives, they would love it. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that Jody at the tribe can send out an email tribal wide so they can sign up to chaperone. Mistee tribal employees getting paid. Tribal council look at this. Everett Armstrong noted, if they have the budget. Mr. Gallup state the staff is having big burnout, it is the same people working over and over at activities and afterschool programs. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if EMS will be available. Heidi Bullcalf stated yes, THip has a certified EMT that attends all school events. T-Hip is also bringing snacks, crackers, cheese, etc. Ms. Bullcalf stated, "we won't turn any students away" but they do have to sign up and they will have a permission slip.

Ms. TallWhiteman stated the only thing is going forward she would like to be updated and stated that she doesn't see any advertisements, what are the prizes, how will kids know this is going on. She wants it everywhere and wants updates on what is going to happen and where. If planned weekly they should be giving updates on what is

going on. Also, if trying to get kids there, out of town trips, the kids will get on the buses. Ms. TallWhiteman wants to know up until the event; we know it is coming all year and she wants it scheduled, want updates, even with graduation. Such as senior trip, give the board updates. She wants kids to know what the incentives are. Not all kids will show up. Ms. TallWhiteman wants more kids in safe environments, in safe places, advertise, put it out there with the options. She wants the school to be proactive. Kids are screaming they want stuff and through the whole break want more hours of activities for kids. Corrina stated the flyers will be out tomorrow and also noted that a Survey was sent to all students today on incentives for them after prom. Staff will do some shopping here and the rest on Wednesday; there are a lot of good ideas from the kids that will be represented. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if the drug dog/s go to the BMS. Ms. LaFromboise will ask Interquest if they will do after prom and will look at their protocol, they have certain areas to be in.

Everett Armstrong stated he will purchase a PS5. Heidi stated there are blue tooth speakers, Smart TVs, skateboards, Chromebooks, iPhone 13, head phones, PS5, Xbox, speakers, gift cards will be local, i.e. gas cards, food cards, etc.

Mr. Evans asked if a kid can be recognized if they are stopped by an officer when out and about, and they have their insurance and their drivers' license, etc. can they be given a gift card or something to show them they are doing what they are supposed to be doing. Officer Snyder stated they have done this before and they can continue to do this.

Ms. LaFromboise stated the district has 3 side by sides and all will be finalized in the morning. Ms. TallWhiteman asked if the board is donating. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that the board is donating the cost of the prom tickets.

Motion by Mr. Evans to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Second by Mr. Conway. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Steve Conway, Donna Yellow Owl, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Brian Gallup, Board Chairperson

_____ Crystal Tailfeathers, District Clerk