

August 5-9th, 2019- Usual paper work

August 12-16, 2019- Athletic contacts were made, finalizing all sports schedules. Inventory was looked at and discoveries were made where Napi football gear is not suitable or safe to play in this year and with discussion, we are going to play flag football this year pending board approval.

Parent Meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm. I relayed the changes to High School Activities handbook to the public about the random drug testing policy. A lot of the public showed and the first 150 got a hot dog, chips, soda/water.

Golf practice started on Thursday August 15, 2019 and we had 8 boys and 7 girls that showed. The cut off date for Golf is the Wednesday (August 28, 2019).

Cross Country has a total of 50 student's and more are expected to join once school starts, the cut off date for Cross Country is Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. New athletes will not compete until they get their 10 practices in. Cross country will be using old but new jerseys that we will be buying the rights to the artwork from Lyle Omeasoo.

Football has a total 70 student's and more are joining every day. The new arrivals will not be able to compete until they get 10 practices too. We did have issues concerning getting new gear out of rotation season and I will later have to cut/find money to replace what we went over in the budget.

Volleyball has 40 girls on the freshmen, JV, and Varsity teams. There were 52 that tried out on Friday. There was a little parent concern about tryouts because her daughter was cut. Parents were also encouraged to watch the tryouts. All the girls were evaluated in the same process of coachability, passing, serving, setting, and hitting.

We lost one coach for personal reasons and was in-need of two coaches. Right now, we have 2 coaches I am very excited for, they have the spunk and great great personalities with love for the game.

Fall Cheer coach has some great ideas and is ready to get involved with the community. Right now there are 16 cheer leaders that will be representing Browning High School. Some of the ideas for example are having a Fall cheer camp for younger grades then have them perform at half time of a football game.

I'm very excited for the school year to begin and I can not wait to watch our student athletes compete. I am excited to work with school district employees and community partners to provide the best/safest activities for our students.

Myself, the best part, ayes. This was my first year as an official administrator and I got to oversee the Summer Eekahkimaht Program. There are areas that need improvement and there are areas that can stay the same. The main problem was just the starting late. Next I plan on starting in March with planning, hiring, and soliciting more funds to maintain all and more activities.

I have been building community relationships with key people and making new relationships with others that will help our student athletes and after school activity participants. I made

contact with the Kainai Board of Education and we will be collaborating through out the school year for next summer events. I called, introduced myself, and we are in the making of meeting our sister tribes to collaborate Native Games here in Browning next year. I'd like to call the event Blackfoot Games but am open to different names.

My whole thought is for our tribes to build better relations with each other, learn from each other, and eventually build each other up. I believe through the Eekahkimaht activity model, other schools will follow suit, like Heart Butte now, and we can compete against each other in other areas as well in the future. We can compete in the language, knowledge of the land, basketball, Indian Relay, stickgame, and many other games. This is where I believe we will get our community partners involved get them to really help our school with financing all and any activity. I would love to open our student's eyes to a bigger Blackfoot world, and hopefully inspire more cultural pride on where we come from as Blackfeet/Blackfoot.

I believe in a saying and I hold this saying close to my heart. This quote is from the late Randy Johnson, "If it's for the kids, do it!" "I'd like to add, if it's for the kids, the community, and the culture, DO IT!"