

**Browning Middle School
Board Report
January 12, 2021**

Enrollment (as of 01-04-2021)

6th grade – 146

7th grade – 148

8th grade – 135

Total 429

Happy New Year!

Since BMS gave the last “live” building report at the last board meeting on December 15th, there hasn’t been a lot transpiring in our building because we broke for Christmas on the 18th.

However, here is a recap and update since our last report.

Christmas Video

Here is another video we sent out to our students just before Christmas Break. Mr. Rivas did another awesome job of creating it, and we hope it brought our community some Christmas cheer. If you haven’t seen it, check it out!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AV_1suMxzY-icmMyveIJeH7mFnZnHeyO/view

Building Update

BMS staff (minus administrators, custodians and secretaries) continue work remotely due the continued shut down by the BTBC.

Portions of the “old” portion of the building (6th and 7th grade pods, BJA, library, nurse’s station, specials and SPED on 2nd floor, and old offices) are 95% complete.

The 8th grade pod is nearly complete sans the flooring on the treads in the commons area and paint touch-ups. BJA was completely repainted and will receive three new whiteboards, as well as updated crescent tables, chairs and teacher’s desks. It is also waiting on new treads for both of their stairwells.

The new addition is close to completion, and I was told it should be done soon.

The new gym needs one more coat of sealant on the floor and three additional rows of seating of the bleachers installed. The cafeteria is complete, other than waxing/sealing the floor, which can’t be done until the construction crew is gone.

The new kitchen area is almost finished as well.

The building is still not 100% wifi capable, with only the old office area having connectivity.

Data

Academic rigor continues to increase, and staff have been submitting their percentages of attendance in their Google Meets, as well as the percentage of assignments turned in weekly.

Attendance and assignment numbers continue to slowly rise with 49.6% attendance in Google Meets, and 38.5% of assignments were turned in for the week of December 14th-18th.

Technology Update

Here is the current breakdown for iPad distribution for each grade level:

Student Enrollment	iPads Distributed	Success %	Students Remaining
8th - 135	130	96%	5
7th - 148	146	97%	2
6th - 147	135	92%	8

Jetpacks – continue to be in high demand and were on back order – they are distributed as they become available.

Charging cords/cubes, are in less demand now (which is a good sign) but if needed we distribute them as soon as we receive them. Ear buds/headphones for all grade levels are being purchased with the help of GEAR-UP.

BMS Newsletter

Monthly newsletters have been sent out since October to further promote building of relationships between our school and the community. It contains a message from myself, our Dean of Students, special announcements, important dates, technology help, and our Students of the Week and Month.

Engagement

BMS teachers have been nominating a Student of the Month (from each grade level) since October. Students are chosen from a random draw and incentives have been picked out by Ms. Melinda and Ms. Edna.

Staff have also been nominating a Parent of the Month from each grade level as well, with the intent of getting more parental involvement from home.

They have been receiving a \$25 gift card to Glacier Foods or IGA for groceries or gas at Glacier Foods. We will have a parent from 6th, 7th & 8th grade, which will also be from a random draw.

We recognize all winners in our monthly newsletter and on the district Facebook page.

Here is a link to the complete list of the November and December nominees and winners:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UMR93V8FE_ZoKxS6Gx_PvAt6AsBSAHjTwZCDAIzfMsA/edit?usp=sharing

Ms. Melinda Juneau and Ms. Joey Hall continue to contact any and all students who are still not communicating with our school and we are following our BMS Covid-19 attendance protocols.

Be well and be safe,
William Huebsch
BMS Principal