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Oki, BMS enjoyed a very busy month of March. This month was spent on completing staff evaluations, meeting with all 8 of the BMS consultants, and implementing further student supports such as mandatory lunch tutoring. The staff spent the month focused upon finishing the 3rd quarter strong, improving instruction, meeting with consultants, implementing common lesson routines, and just being awesome.

The PD for the month was geared towards implementing common lesson routines such as using timers, specific number of checks for understanding (at least 3), and using common assessment strategies to delve even deeper into our data collection. The timers will be used to ensure bell to bell instruction and to focus the bell ringer and exit ticket routines. The timer will be set for 4-7 minutes for a bell ringer, at the mid-class period check for a check for understanding and to mark the exit ticket time of 2-5 minutes remaining in class. All of our consultants are also assigned a specific role within our overall BMS Action Plan and Instructional Framework to provide prescriptive help and support to our BMS staff. The consultants include, but are not limited to: Apple/ConnectEd, math/SSG, Study Sync, SRI, MCLP and UM-W teacher training. Suffice it to say, based upon all of this feedback, the BMS teaching staff is very awesome and I am very proud to be their leader. We of course have a laundry list of stuff to work on and improve but it's aligned, vertically and horizontally, and we are all "rowing in the same direction." Also, Ms. Powell, Ms. Sinclair-Boggs, and Mrs. Heavy Runner deserve their fair share of the credit for helping BMS become a school where students come to learn and where they are safe, responsible, and respectful.

We are now in the 4th quarter and we continue to emphasize student responsibility and parent participation on their student's educational teams. BMS is also providing interventions for all students who continue to struggle with 'F's'. The parents will receive either an Advancement Letter or a Retention Letter, both of which will provide detailed, specific, and explicit instructions on how to continue on the road of Advancement or how to exit the road leading to Retention. Parents will also begin receiving Parent Intervention Meeting requests. These Parent Intervention Meeting requests will be focused primarily upon grades and will occur throughout the 4th quarter. This intervention process now includes mandatory lunch tutoring for all students receiving one or more 'F's'.

We were able to have our monthly Fun Friday Activity in March, however, we still need to make up an activity which be included in April's activities. The monthly activity was a Staff vs Students basketball game, I was unable to play so we lost, again. Congrats to the students they played hard and did not take it easy on the staff. During this same time if students are ineligible by having at least one 'F' then they were required to attend the All Work Study Hall and if they had behavior issues they had to attend the Serenity Now Room. We also have our FIT Food Pantry up and running in our Parent Center at BMS which also includes clothes and shoes. BMS also has begun creating a BMS Parent Center brochure to accompany the letters home to students which will provide this information. We have been sending boxes of food home with parents and also delivering food. Mr. Harold Mad Plume, Mrs. Joey Brown, and Mrs. Rutherford deserve a tremendous round of applause for doing this behind the scenes work and I want to recognize them and thank them.

We have working very closely with Blackfeet Tribal Family Court in setting up a system for students who have been dropped due to attendance and/or are desperately asking for more help and support from BMS in the form of their continuous, severe, defiant behavior. We have all been meeting these requests from students and parents to do anything and everything we can to meet their student's help and support needs and keep them in school.

We continue to emphasize ethics and professionalism with our staff in meeting all of their expectations. We continue our commitment to consistency and listening to our students as we become a trauma sensitive school. Our bullying issues are dealt with as soon as they are reported and they are thoroughly investigated with proper consequences handed out to all students involved in the bullying circle. This improved and safe learning environment is allowing our students to fulfill their number one expectation when coming to school everyday and that expectation is to learn.

I also want to take a moment to say "Thanks, I truly appreciate your hard work on a daily basis" to the following BMS employees (who are not already mentioned): Edna Pollock, Keven Sinclair, Larry Bear Medicine, Alvin Yellow Owl, Steven Gallineaux, Selma Yellow Kidney, Jace Brown, Robert Juarez, Chris Crosby, Rudy Rivas, Pat Hagan, Arlan Edwards and Julie Hayes.

BMS Vital Statistics:

1) Student Attendance

- a. 77.06% 7th grade-ave. 90 students per day, 72.47% 8th grade ave. 108 students per day
- b. 74.56% by whole school-ave. 199 students per day
- c. 14 students with perfect attendance in 3rd quarter (no tardies, no absences)
- d. 8 students have been dropped, completing home visits and sending out 3-5-7-10 day letters, and daily phone calls to get them back
- e. 8 Court Referrals with students attempting to re-enter after being served
- f. 12 home visits
- g. 6 meeting w/parents at BMS to re-enter after meeting with BTFC

2) Staff Attendance

- a. % for certified-72% (by days)
- b. % for classified-84% (by hours)

3) Referrals for month-47 total

- a. Breakdown by category-attendance (4), disorderly conduct (23), drugs (2), fighting (10), harassment (non sexual) (1), insubordination (14), threat/intimidation (2), tobacco (1)
- b. How many OSS did you have-16 severe (threats, insubordination, attendance, disorderly conduct, fighting)

4) Home visits

- a. How many home visits-12 home visits
- b. 6 parents visited the school utilizing the Parent Center

BMS HONOR ROLL and ATTENDANCE AWARDS, YAY !!!!



