

BNAS Board Report October 2020

It is a wonderful thing how the BNAS dept has been expanded. We have already witnessed the greatness of this expansion with Lea writing a major majority of the grant we have been awarded. I cant express my gratitude to the board how lovely it is to have a team mate to bounce idea off of and collaborate with. The amazing thing about this grant is how we can hire another team member to the BNAS department, albeit for only 3 years but it is something to celebrate. The Native American Language Grant will buy books for our BNAS team and (personally what I am excited for the most) we have monies to hire a consultant speaker to record traditional stories at both a high level and elementary level. This grant *will* contribute to our language revitalization efforts.

The BNAS radio program has been successful, many community members have reached out to me expressing joy hearing our beautiful language on the air waves. I have faith in the process because it truly reaches Browning kids who do not have the proper technology to keep up with schooling. It provides a cultural alternative during these trying times.

We continue to work on a Language Packet to hand out to BPS students. We added body parts to the list, the major thing we need to work on is having a proper presentation that will work for our community.