

BNAS board report November 2022.

BNAS is chugging along like the little train that could. We are making great head way.

We were available for the PIR days and had roughly 25 people attended (both in person and online). We covered the writing system that is a requirement in our department and we covered ASLA (Accelerated Second Language Acquisition), a completely oral and immersive method of teaching languages. Some of our verbal feedback requested that we have this training for all staff at the beginning of the school year.

So, rather than wait for next school year, we are offering CEU PD's on. Most Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 (first one is November 15th) we have sent out a flier to inform teacher in the district and it is shared with other school districts if they want to join in. At the moment we are also planning on evening Blackfoot language classes open for anyone in the community. We will start those in January 2023.

All our certified staff (except for our newest member) are currently on extended contracts. Their duties are to help create more teaching materials, strengthening our curriculum, and attending at least one of the Tuesday PDs. We have high confidence in this process and look forward to showing the board and community the final product.

I also want to note that we plan on giving extra work to our classified team members soon in the form of PD and curriculum development.

We have ordered more developmental dictionaries (this time volume 2) and also making more language lists. The latest is pow wow terms. Lists like this have never been done before and will go a long way in helping our Blackfoot language.

The organizers for our NAL grant have asked us (BPS) to be a part of a presentation to other schools to showcase what we are doing in our program and we put together a small slide show for that (it is attached).

Thank you