

BNAS Report Sept. 4

Things are looking good. Our new staff is very communicative and we are getting ready for a strong year. The writing system is now a requirement within the BNAS classrooms; the old teachers have had a year to learn it and the new teachers will pick it up. also, I have made a commitment to go to Babb once a week, I feel this is necessary because they do not have a BNAS instructor at their school and, as Piikuni students, I believe that they ought to have the opportunity as all students within school district #9 to learn and have language courses consistently. However, because it takes around 3/4 of a day I find it paramount to include the board into this discussion before a set schedule is met.

I met with a board member about continuing a language program on the radio, which would also include a news segment put together by BPS students and be a way from BPS to communicate directly with the town of Browning and larger Reservation. In addition, I have spoken with the Parks and Rec. director of the tribe, Stephanie Veille, and she provides much facilities and opportunities for our students to express art, clean up the community, and get community service. Last year was a struggle for me and now I understand the ropes a lot more than I did. That being said, I would love to host a free, open community language class once a week. Thank you.

It's the beginning of the year so most things are still visionary. I pray we have a good year