

In regards to the audio files included:

The first person is William Big Bull. he phonetically saying stŭmikitsiikini

the second is Duane Mistaken Chief, he is phonetically saying stŭmiksiitsiikin (He spells it in Don Frontz's writing system as stámíksii tsíkin in our correspondence)

In regards to the pictures attached:

I have had the privilege of consulting with two accomplished Blackfoot speakers on the proper used of 'Bullshoe'. Duane Mistaken Chief is affiliated with the Kainai community and Mr. Red Gun with the Siksika tribe. Additionally included is a screen shot of William Big Bull's dictionary who is a Piikuni fluent Blackoot speaker. In his dictionary he also includes other names that have the word 'bull' within them. All instances of the word bull is stŭmik I have ensured that the Blackfoot Confederacy supports the usage that I have provided. Also included is a screen shot from the of how to say shoe

Also, included are screenshots of Don Frontz dictionary and CC Uhllenbeck's dictionary. Both show 'Bull' (or steer) as 'stamik' (disregard diacritics and other symbols they have used). Also attached is how Frontz spells 'shoe'

Morphology

stǎmik = Bull
~ǎtsiikin = Shoe

stǎmik + mǎtsiikin = Stǔmikiitsiikin

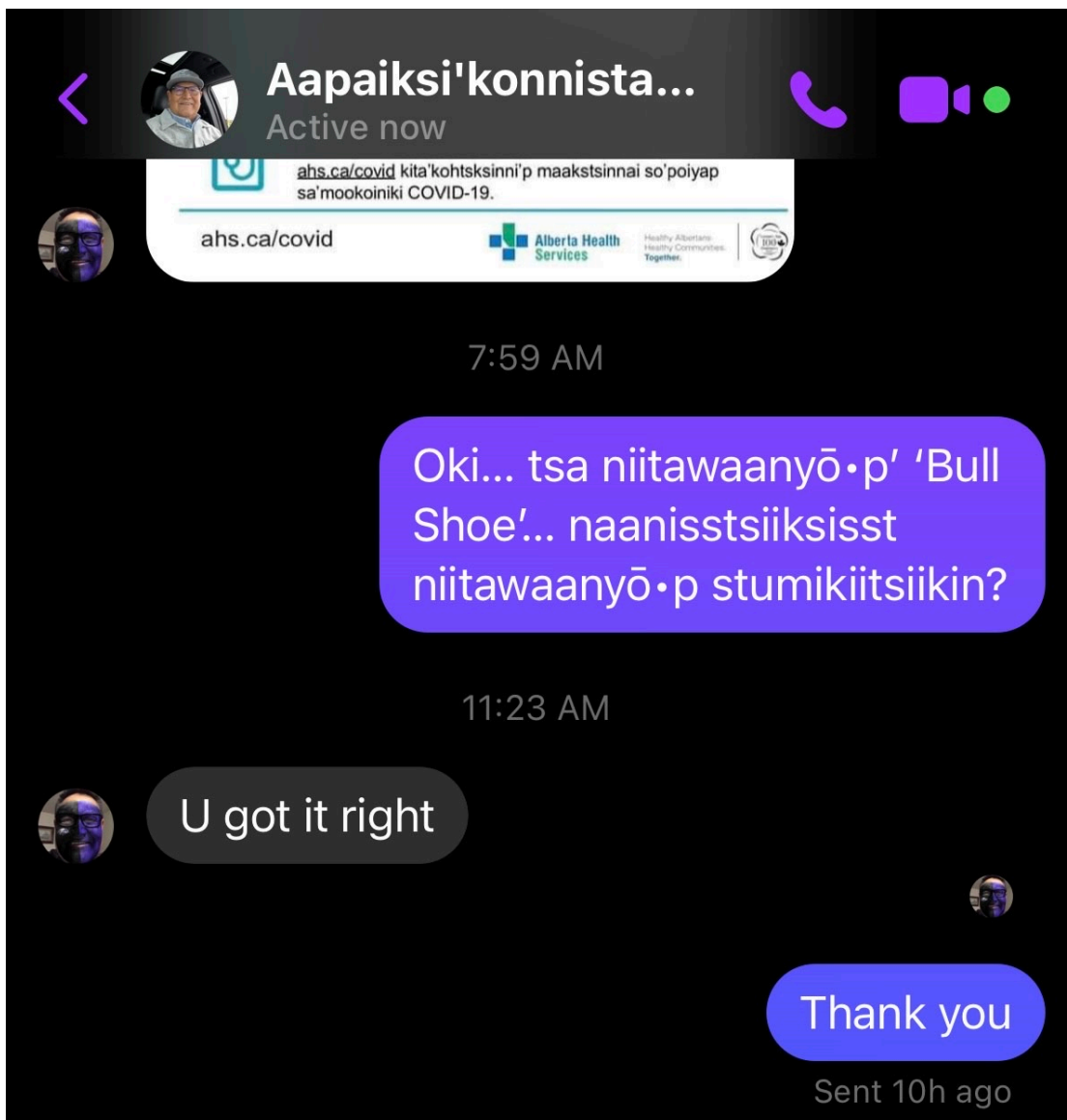
Discussion:

Out of the three three first language speakers, the sole discrepancy arises from the inclusion of an 's' between the 'k' and the two 'i's in Duane's usage, which stems from dialectical nuances and is elucidated through morphological analysis. We do not have a recording of the third speaker I have reached out to but his reply of, 'you got it right' carries affirming that the spelling I used transmits the spoken word.

Additionally, For the past 6 years the BNAS has been spelling 'Bullshoe' as stǔmikitsiik in. From the information above we will now spell it as stǎmik itsiik in.

Since this is a word that will be used on grants and reports the BNAS recommends forfeiting the diacritics used within the writing system. I, Robert Hall, the BNAS Director of Browning Public Schools, based upon my knowledge of the Blackfoot Language and consultation with First Language Blackfoot speaker coupled with overview of dictionaries with data collected from 1911 to 2023, respectfully recommends the district spell the word as Stamikitsiikin

Thank you



Big Bull Spelling

stämik·āamisso ' - rising bull
stämik·āanikkuppii - junior bull
stämik·äätosii - bull star, sacred bull or medicine bull
stämik·iitsikinii - bull shoe, bull moccasin
stämik·ksistsii·kaiyayii - Lame Bull or *nūtainaa* Lone Chi
stämiks·ätto 'sa ' - bull calf, *stumiks·ō 'nisstai*
stämiks·ätto 'sii ' - holy/sacred bull
stamiks·o '·'·'·'kīyīisin - bull dry meat/jerky
stämiks·ō 'ottū 'kopii - bull turns around
stämiks·oosuk - buffalo bull back fat
stamiks·oot 'kääpii - palamino bull
stämiks·ōwo 'otaan - bull shield
stämiks·ō 'ko 'os - Bull child
stämiks·ō 'ttō 'kāan - Bull Head, *pīikuni* Chief
stämiksii ksik·ksinum - white bull
stämiksii sāpōp - Bull Plume, *pīikuni* warrior leader
stämiksii·sikimmii - black bull buffalo

mutsiikin - moccasin, shoe, boot, slipper

mutsiikiists - moccasins, shoes

Frontz

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staahtsitsis *nan*; underpant; ~~ksiksistaáhtsitsiiksi~~ white und
stam *adt*; just/unqualifiedly; stámitapoot! just go there!;
~~aaaksstamanistsiiwayi~~ she should just tell her var. of sota
stamik *nan*; steer; stámikiksi steers; nitáakota'p'kaayi n
am going to sell my steers.
stamiksaoo'sin *nan*; beef stew: cf. stamiks'rao'ssh.
sta'ao *nan*, ghost/spirit; stá'aoiksi ghosts; (nitsista'aomiks
... (n) don't

atsimaisistusi

awái'sstaakssin

atsíinaisisttsi *nan*; bobolink (lit.: Gros ventre bird), Latin: Dolichonyx
oryzivorus; atsíinaisisttsiiksi bobolinks; cf. atsíina+sisttsí.
atsikín *nin*; footwear, shoe; natsikíistsi my shoes; i'nákitsikini little shoe;
isstó+ítsiki+istsi winter shoes; niitsítsikini moccasin (lit.: original footwear).
atsinayí *nin*; fat; atsinayíistsi fats; ákaotsinayiyi old fat.

Uhlenbeck

an., pl. einiskimiks.

buffalo-trail einióxsokuyi in.

bug isksinau (a) an., pl. isksinaiks; turns into a bug isksinauasi

buggy ikstáinakàsiks an., pl.

build (to) v. fix up (to), make (to).

bull stámik (a) an., pl. stámikiks.

bull (domestic) áisaiäxkumi (ua) an., pl. áisaiäxkumiks.

bull-back-fat stámiksösäki an., pl. stámiksösäkiks.

bullberry miksinitsemi an., pl. miksinitsemiks.

bull-calf stámiksekoan an., pl. stámiksekoאים.

bull-dog áisaiäxkumiömita (ua) an., pl. áisaiäxkumiömitaiks.

bullet auáksopan an., pl. auáksopaiks.

bullet-sack: his bullet-sack osoiátsimäji in. (?).

bulls (collective) otsistamiksisisina an.

bump-head: then he shot at her bump-head itskúnakatsim omi
kinixpai.

Bunched Stars v. Pleiades.

burial mákixtsàskin in.

burn (to): burns áistsouiu: they burn itsouiau. — then he (