

Feb NAS Board Report

First thing is that we request that Lea Whitford and Marvin Weather Wax Sr. are approved to be a part of the IEFA committee. With board approval, it will enrich our board.

Second, we will start having extended Wednesday NAS training every Wednesday for when NAS staff/faculty are available. On top of this, we will host a 'cultural training' for our non-Blackfeet staff/faculty in the district open for anyone interested

Thirdly, BNAS has started a project with the first immersion students, the White Weasel Students, where I take 6-7 of the students four times a week and teach them Blackfoot with a methodology called ASLA (Accelerated Second Language Acquisition). This is the first time a teaching method such as this (which is, by definition *complete immersion* has ever been used in the Public School System). This project will attempt to show case our students' abilities in learning, whether or not the method is effective, and to plan for future years.

Fourth, I have had the wonderful opportunities to run into fluent speakers and constantly ask language questions from them, I tend to pay them for their knowledge and money comes from my own pocket. When a staff member emails me and asks a word I try and respond at a reasonable time and if I do not know the word I literally go cruise around looking for our chief Earl OP or just simply call the good people I know who speak fluently.

Lastly, upon conversation with the Super, we both feel as if I should be a part of each immersion class room *at least* once a week. I have spoken with the KW/Vina and BES principals on this and they are supportive. Things are progressing.

Oh ya, we will start having an after school language class once basketballs season ends and the weather gets warmer. Thank you. I have also attached some work sheets I have put together.