

## BNAS board report Sept 2023

BNAS has been working with MTDA (Montana Digital Academy) in digitizing our BNAS and Immersion assessments. We have yet to administer the assessment due to technical issues that will be worked out in the near future.

We have nearly finished a Jeopardy/Puppet show for our YouTube channel and it will be made public very soon.

The BNAS instruction coach was the keynote speaker in BHS's cultural day on Sept. 18. The BNAS instructor has been making rounds in all the BNAS/immersion classes and has been finding key areas for the BNAS to provide materials and plan for future PD sessions. In addition, the BNAS coach has been providing any teacher in the district searching for specific IEFA lessons and Blackfoot history, culture, and design lessons.

In real good news we received a No Cost Extension on our NAL grant, which officially ends on Sept. 30th, 2023. Due to receiving the grant in the mist of COVID lockdowns we were unable to fulfill our goals completely in curriculum and language material development, PD's, and expenditures. We have been awarded an extension that will end June 30th, 2024. We thank the Finance office for their guidance and support and drafting the No cost Extension and for their expenditure and draw down reports.

On Sept. 15 we applied for the ILIP grant. Fingers crossed we are awarded it again!

The BNAS coach and myself have been having meetings to identify subjects we want to be built into a curriculum which includes: Traditional horsemanship, Traditional games, painted lodges, Film and Expressive arts, traditional Coming of age practices, and, of course, more language.

Attached is a BNAS Blackfoot Dictionary and Phrases & Sentences document that BNAS has been building. They are not complete and in early stages of development but this will solve the clutter of having words spread out on separate lists. For example, rather than only having lists that are specific to commands, animals, places, food, etc... they will be found on one document (although the other lists will still be available).