

## BNAS Board Report May 2026

### Title VI parent meeting:

BNAS hosted the Parent outreach meeting for Title VI on Thursday April, 23. We had a lovely turn out with parents, students, and faculty. We gave the attendees an overview of our program and took comments on aspects that they would love to be focused on more. Parents were positive on the outlooks and potential of the Blackfeet culture and language being taught within BPS. There was discussion concerning wanting more local elders involved and faculty were given an opportunity to share the local elders and expert whom they have brought into their classrooms. The major request was to host Blackfoot language evening sessions for immersion class parents, which are going to be planned for the next year and set on our event calendars.

### Blackfoot Language:

119 page document of over 2,000 Blackfoot Names has been completed and will be made available as physical copies very soon. List was completed by combining lists gathered through many years from various publications and notes taken during live events. Elders who contributed to the names that the BNAS director heard over the years include: Earl Old Person, Diana Burd Sr., Alphonse Bird, Beverly Hungry Wolf, Rosella Many Bears, Celestine Twigg, Gertie Heavyrunner, Kevin Kickingwoman, and William Big Bull. Included would be historical publications such as: Old North Trail, Blackfeet Lodge Tales, the Blackfeet Papers, etc...

### Reziliant Week at Brocket

On May 13<sup>th</sup> the BNAS director was invited to meet and speak with students on the North Piikani Reserve. The event was fun and serves as a potential to connect students from Browning with students from Brocket.