

Skátne Enionkwaió'ten – Draft School/Group Language Plan

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<i>Language Goals as Students (As seniors, goals for the school...)</i>	<i>Language Programming at KSS</i>	<i>Cultural Activities</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every day we have different people from other grades doing the opening and closing • Labels on everything! • Have a class we learn more about history/songs/culture/dances • Longer Kanien'kéha classes • *Bring in Elders to tell stories* • Have the teachers slow down while talking 	<p>➔ <i>Is there enough opportunity to learn Kanien'kéha at KSS?</i></p> <p>➔ <i>What would you add/change?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is not enough opportunity and some students do not use the language at all. • Offer help during breaks • Labels around school • More teachers learning the language 	<p>➔ <i>Are there new/different language and culture activities that you would like to have at KSS for students?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional dancing • Traditional arts (pottery, painting, etc...) • Learning traditional songs in the classroom • Kanien'kéha afterschool program • Traditional activities/sports for gym
<i>Strengths of KSS</i>	<i>Challenges/Improvements at KSS</i>	<i>Students & Language</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sing/The Sing and blanket dances for people and families in need • Tobacco burnings • Student councils • Opening and closing every week • Fasting at the school every year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivation to learn the language (attitude) • They don't take the language seriously • Better influence from their peers. • To get more involved in the classroom. • Get rid of insecurities to speak the language. 	<p>➔ <i>What could all students at KSS do to learn Kanien'kéha (at school, on their own)?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actually attend classroom activities • Being proactive in class • All students receive a CD with all the traditional songs and conversations in Kanien'kéha • Encourage your peers to speak. • Go speak to the Elders • Speak more with your peers (use Kanien'kéha names)
<i>Families</i>	<i>Our language in the future...</i>	
<p>➔ <i>Is there something that KSS and the students can do to help families learn the language at home?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with Kanien'kéha homework • Assist them with labelling their homes • Encourage them to attend the Longhouse • Personal tutors for extra help with the language 	<p>➔ <i>Do any of you have plans to learn or teach the language within the community in the future?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, we all plan to! 	<p>➔ <i>Are there enough opportunities to use/learn/ teach the language in Kahnawà:ke? (Explain)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No because there isn't enough of all these boxes • And Yes because we have movies based on the language, Elders for guidance, Longhouses, first and second language speakers.

Community	Language Revitalization
<p>➔ <i>As youth in the community, is there anything that you would like to suggest that would help rebuild and pass on the language to future generations?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immersion classes up to grade 6.• Bring awareness that it's a necessity for language in the household.• More Kanien'kéha story books.	<p>➔ When you think about the language, how does it make you feel?</p> <p>➔ How do you feel about the programs and efforts to revitalize the language in Kahnawà:ke?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overwhelmed• Whole as a person• Proud• Happy• Comfortable• We feel it could be better because there's a lot of talk about it being brought back but not sufficient efforts being made.
Are there any questions you would ask?	As youth at KSS and within Kahnawà:ke, are there any messages you would give to the community about the language?
<p>Are we really doing everything we can to bring back the language?</p> <p>Are we holding back?</p>	<p>Don't be ashamed to speak the language</p> <p>Speak to your children and to your grandchildren</p> <p>Everyone needs to take it seriously because once it's gone, it's gone...</p>

Any other questions, comments, or suggestions??