International Journal of Learning, Teaching and Educational Research Vol. 23, No. 5, pp. 403-418, May 2024 https://doi.org/10.26803/ijlter.23.5.21 Received Mar 25, 2024; Revised May 21, 2024; Accepted May 30, 2024

Enhancing Trilingual Pedagogy in Teaching Dramatic Arts: Insights from Teachers

Limkani Sincuba* and Andrea Mnqondiso Buka Walter Sisulu University Mthatha, South Africa

Abstract. The purpose of this study was to investigate the use and effectiveness of trilingual pedagogy in the teaching of dramatic arts, with a focus on teachers' perspectives. The study looked at the approaches, challenges, and outcomes of teaching and studying dramatic arts in three languages: English, isiXhosa, and isiZulu. Employing qualitative approaches and a case study of three schools using an interpretive paradigm to analyze analysis, this study seeks to provide significant insights into how trilingual teaching may improve the educational experience and foster students' linguistic and creative growth. Through an examination of teachers' experiences and perspectives, the research hopes to contribute to the discourse on multilingual education and pedagogical approaches in the arts. The goal of this research is to offer important new understandings about how trilingual pedagogy might enhance the learning environment and support students' linguistic and creative development and analysis. Ten teachers from three schools were purposefully selected to make up the sample. A questionnaire was used as the data collection tool. The findings demonstrate that the participants needed trilingual pedagogy for teaching dramatic arts. The findings demonstrate that the participants needed trilingual pedagogy for teaching dramatic arts. The study concluded that in order to teach dramatic arts, teachers may use trilingual teaching methodology. Encouraging learning and better dramatic arts performances were thought to be achievable if all schools improved their trilingual pedagogies.

Keywords: trilingual pedagogy; dramatic arts; multilingual education; teacher perspective; linguistic development

1. Introduction

From the standpoint of education today, it's possible that the integration of other languages into instructional procedures has emerged as a critical area of study. Particularly in the context of dramatic arts education, there may be much to learn about the connection between language acquisition and creative expression. This

©Authors

^{*}Corresponding author: Limkani Sincuba; leesincuba@gmail.com

study examined the dynamics, challenges, and potential benefits of trilingual pedagogy in the context of teaching dramatic arts, with a focus on first- hand information from teachers.

Trilingualism, or the ability to speak and understand three languages fluently, may be becoming more and more recognized in academic research. The numerous advantages of multilingualism, such as enhanced cognitive flexibility, cultural awareness, and communication skills, are sufficiently supported by research (Bialystok, 2018; Marian & Shook, 2018). Furthermore, students have a unique opportunity to engage with diverse linguistic and cultural perspectives when many languages are used in the classroom (Grosjean, 2019).

In the realm of arts education, the interplay between language and expression presents an intriguing avenue of inquiry. Language and the arts can advance in a stimulating atmosphere provided by the dramatic arts, which include theater, performance, and creative expression (Lefort, et al., 2020). In addition to their language abilities, students may enhance their critical thinking, creativity, and empathy via theater (Taylor & Gibson, 2021). Through an examination of educators' viewpoints, it sheds light on creative methods for integrating language into dramatic arts education (García-Pastor & Martínez-Sierra, 2020). The research addresses the growing need for inclusive learning environments that celebrate linguistic diversity and cross-cultural interchange by figuring out how teachers could negotiate trilingual teaching (Antoniou et al., 2018). By providing practical insights for curriculum creation, resource allocation, and professional training, this study may add to the conversation about education (Bryman, 2018). In the end, this research may deepen our understanding of the value of multilingualism in education, promote intercultural understanding, and enhance the dynamic of teaching dramatic arts (Rodríguez-Valls & González-Martínez, 2022; Taylor & Gibson, 2021).

Teachers' perspectives on the effectiveness of trilingual pedagogy in teaching dramatic arts may be useful. It might cover the potential and difficulties that come with teaching theatrical arts in many languages. Variations in language proficiency among students, resource limitations, and logistical challenges could be major problems. In order to improve student learning results, the study intends to comprehend how teachers negotiate the complexity of these three languages—IsiXhosa, IsiZulu, and English. By means of this investigation, the study aims to offer practical suggestions for enhancing trilingual teaching and cultivating inclusive classrooms in the context of dramatic arts education.

Although there may be benefits to trilingual instruction in the dramatic arts, implementing such systems poses particular challenges for educators. To achieve a balance between language variety, cultural sensitivity, and instructional efficacy, creative solutions and careful consideration may be required (Llinares & Whittaker, 2021). Moreover, the dearth of research specifically addressing trilingualism in dramatic arts education highlights the need for additional investigation into this developing field.

The study was guided by the following research questions:

- 1. How could trilingual pedagogy be effectively integrated into teaching dramatic arts to optimize student learning outcomes?
- 2. What would be the insights and strategies would teachers offer for enhancing trilingual pedagogy in the context of teaching dramatic arts?

2. Literature Review

Within the field of education, there has been a growing interest in incorporating trilingual pedagogy into instructional strategies. Trilingualism, or being able to speak three languages fluently, has a big impact on teaching strategies, especially in the dramatic arts. This review examines teacher perspectives on improving trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts education.

The literature emphasizes a number of important points, one of which is how language shapes artistic expression. Teachers have the opportunity to use multilingualism as a tool to promote creativity and cultural appreciation in the dramatic arts as they traverse a variety of linguistic environments (Smith, 2019). Furthermore, studies highlight how crucial it is to integrate students' language repertoires into instructional practices in order to promote meaningful engagement and comprehension (García & Kleifgen, 2018). Teachers' perspectives also highlight the potential and difficulties that come with implementing trilingual instruction. Concerns such student differences in language competency, the availability of resources, and curriculum limitations become important factors to take into account (Lee, 2020). Teachers highlight the revolutionary potential of trilingual teaching in fostering inclusivity, linguistic variety, and intercultural understanding in the dramatic arts classroom in spite of these obstacles (Chavez & Morales, 2022).

It could be necessary to emphasize the need of incorporating trilingual pedagogy—which draws on the knowledge of educators—into the instruction of dramatic arts. Through embracing linguistic diversity and making the most of students' multilingual abilities, educators can improve student learning, foster creativity, and help students develop a better love for the arts.

In order to completely comprehend how to improve trilingual pedagogy in the teaching of dramatic arts from the perspectives of the teachers, this section examined theoretical and empirical literature.

2.1 Theoretical Literature Review

When teaching dramatic arts, trilingual pedagogy combines educational theory, artistic expression, and language acquisition. This study of the literature examined the theoretical foundations and possible consequences of trilingual approaches in dramatic arts instruction, drawing on theoretical frameworks from linguistics, education, and the arts.

2.2 Multilingualism and Cognitive Development

Studies indicate that being multilingual may improve one's capacity for problemsolving, metalinguistic awareness, and cognitive flexibility (Antoniou et al., 2018). The Linguistic Interdependence Hypothesis states that multilingualism may

enhance cognitive development by facilitating the transfer of linguistic abilities between languages (Bialystok, 2018). The cognitive advantages of multilingualism in the context of dramatic arts education may include increased creativity, improvisational abilities, and linguistic versatility in students ((Rodríguez-Valls & González-Martínez, 2022).

2.2.1 Sociocultural Perspectives on Multilingual Education

Language plays a crucial role in mediating social relationships and creating cultural identities, according to sociocultural theories (Grosjean, 2019). According to this viewpoint, trilingual education could facilitate learners' engagement with a variety of language and cultural narratives, resulting in a greater appreciation of linguistic variety and intercultural comprehension (Norton, 2018). Through the incorporation of different languages into dramatic arts training, educators have the potential to establish inclusive learning settings that foster cultural interaction and celebrate linguistic plurality.

2.2.2 Arts-Based Approaches to Language Learning

It's possible that arts-based pedagogies have become more popular as useful resources for language learning and expression (Taylor & Gibson, 2021). Students participate in embodied, experiential learning activities through theater, music, and visual arts that may overcome language boundaries and encourage many forms of communication (Pennycook, 2020). Within the framework of dramatic arts education, the incorporation of trilingualism has the potential to improve students' language skills while also encouraging artistic expression, creativity, and aesthetic appreciation.

2.2.3 Pedagogical Strategies for Trilingual Instruction

Innovative teaching methods and scaffolding approaches may be necessary for the successful application of trilingual education (Llinares & Whittaker, 2021). Teachers should support meaningful language learning experiences that may expand on prior knowledge and cultural contexts by having a thorough awareness of learners' current linguistic repertoires (Cummins, 2019). Playwriting, improvisation, and group performances are examples of collaborative, project-based learning activities that may give students the chance to co-construct information, negotiate meaning, and improve their multilingual communication skills (Lefort et al., 2020). The use of trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts instruction may be able to support students' socioemotional, linguistic, and cognitive growth. Through the use of theoretical frameworks from sociocultural theory, arts-based education, multilingualism, and pedagogical practice, educators can enhance the educational experiences of a varied student body and foster inclusive, culturally sensitive learning environments.

2.3 Empirical Literature

Research on the application and results of trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts education offers important new perspectives on the effectiveness of this approach and its possible effects on both teachers and students. In one such study, instructors' experiences in a trilingual dramatic arts program were studied by García-Pastor and Martínez-Sierra (2020), revealing viewpoints on teaching tactics, linguistic obstacles, and student participation. The results showed that

although educators understood the advantages of trilingualism in terms of improving linguistic competence and cultural awareness, they also faced real-world challenges associated with resource availability and language dominance. Studying the cognitive and socioemotional impacts of trilingual education on students' language development and creative expression, Rodríguez-Valls and González-Martínez (2022) conducted research. Moreover, teachers noted that pupils were more motivated and enthusiastic, and they attributed these favourable results to the inclusive and immersing quality of trilingual education. These empirical studies show how trilingual pedagogy could improve dramatic arts instruction while also showing the challenges and difficulties that come with putting it into practice. The empirical research adds to a deeper knowledge of the dynamics and results connected with trilingual approaches in arts education by elucidating the experiences and views of educators.

3. Theoretical Framework

Enhancing trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts instruction is theoretically grounded in language education frameworks and sociocultural theory. According to Vygotsky's sociocultural theory, language plays a crucial role in mediating cognitive development and asserts that social interactions and cultural circumstances have a profound impact on learning (Vygotsky, 1978). IThis viewpoint emphasizes the value of using students' language repertoires to structure learning experiences in the dramatic arts classroom within the framework of trilingual education (Gutiérrez & Rogoff, 2019).

Furthermore, frameworks for language education that accept linguistic variety, including translanguaging and multiliteracies, provide insightful information on effective teaching methods (García, 2019). According to García and Li Wei (2019), translanguaging promotes dynamic communication by questioning conventional language borders and allowing for fluid mobility across languages. In contrast, multiliteracies promote the incorporation of several communication modalities, such as visual, performative, and verbal, to improve educational opportunities (New London Group, 2018).

Teachers could create trilingual instructional approaches that support linguistic growth, cultural awareness, and creative expression in the dramatic arts classroom by incorporating these theoretical viewpoints.

4. Methodology

This section presents methodological topics related to data, analytic methodologies, population and sampling, and research design.

4.1 Methodological Design

Using a case study research design within an interpretivist research paradigm provides a rich framework for comprehending the complexities and inherent in this educational context when investigating the improvement of trilingual pedagogy in teaching dramatic arts from the teachers' point of view (Creswell & Creswell, 2017). Researchers may highlight deeply into the experiences, beliefs, and behaviours of educators in particular situations by using case study

technique, which offers comprehensive insights into the topic being studied (Yin, 2018). Researchers may discover the complex interactions between dramatic arts education, trilingual pedagogy, and instructor views by concentrating on one or more situations.

4.2 Population and Sampling

The study looked at ways to improve trilingual pedagogy in the teaching of dramatic arts, using the perspectives of ten (10) teachers who were purposefully sampled from three schools that provide such courses. It examined the extent to which ten teachers participating in the study could improve dramatic arts instruction.

4.3 Data Collection and Data Analysis

A case study of three schools was conducted using qualitative methods; a questionnaire was employed to gather data, and an interpretivist paradigm was utilized to capture the nuanced perspectives and experiences of the instructors and display them through tables, graphs, and manual data analysis.

4.4 Data Collection Procedure

Using a questionnaire provides an organized and adaptable method of interviewing teachers for a case study research design that examines how to improve trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts instruction. Researchers can get useful quantitative and qualitative data on a range of characteristics of educators' experiences, views, and behaviors connected to trilingual pedagogy through the systematic use of questionnaires (Bryman, 2018). The questionnaire was created especially for the research goals and adjusted to the trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts education. It covered a wide variety of subjects, including teaching methods, language difficulties, cultural factors, and expected results. By allowing educators to express their opinions, provide examples from their classroom experiences, and provide suggestions for improvement, open- ended questions enhance the range and depth of the information gathered (Denscombe, 2018). Additionally, the survey was conducted in print format, which allowed for flexibility in data collection techniques and accommodated participant preferences and practical limitations (Babbie, 2020).

5. Data Treatment and Analysis

A systematic approach to data treatment and analysis was crucial in the analysis phase of the research projecting the improvement of trilingual pedagogy in teaching dramatic arts in order to extract significant insights and provide reliable results. Thematic analysis is a useful technique for locating patterns, themes, and interpretations buried within the dataset because of the qualitative character of the data gathered through questionnaires (Braun & Clarke, 2019). To identify recurrent themes and underlying meanings in qualitative data, thematic analysis entails a methodical procedure of classifying, categorizing, and interpreting the data (Nowell et al., 2017). By immersing themselves in the data through a process of familiarization, researchers obtain a comprehensive grasp of educators' opinions on trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts instruction. After that, preliminary codes were created using the most notable aspects of the data. These

codes were then arranged into broad themes and more specific subthemes using repeated cycles of analysis and improvement (Braun & Clarke, 2019).

Researchers shed light on the subtleties and complexity present in teachers' experiences with trilingual pedagogy by taking a methodical and open approach to data treatment and analysis. This has influenced theory, practice, and policy in the field of dramatic arts education.

6. Research Findings

The study's conclusions about improving trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts instruction provide insightful information about the viewpoints, experiences, and methods of dramatic arts instructors. Numerous significant themes surface from the thematic analysis of questionnaire data, illuminating the subtleties and complexity of trilingual instruction in dramatic arts teachers always emphasize the many advantages of trilingual education, such as how it fosters student communication proficiency, linguistic diversity, and cultural awareness. It was stated that in order to promote inclusive learning settings and meaningful interaction with varied linguistic and cultural narratives, it is crucial to incorporate several languages into dramatic arts training.

There were limitations to the study, such as schedule conflicts, budgetary constraints, and teacher resistance to taking part. The researchers made concessions by ending several sessions in response to an undesirable time frame for data collection, realizing that these sessions were not beneficial to the participants or the researchers.

7. Research Findings

The researchers employed a framework to present and interpret the study's findings, deriving overarching themes and sub-themes from the data they had gathered.

7.1 Research Question

How could trilingual pedagogy be effectively integrated into teaching dramatic arts to optimize student learning outcomes?

7.1.1 Generated Research Themes

- 1. Integration of Trilingual Pedagogy in Dramatic Arts Teaching
- 2. Optimization of Student Learning Outcomes
- 3. Effective Implementation Strategies

7.1.2 Generated Sub-Research Themes

When the Participants 'X' were asked about **Integration of Language Instruction Methods** they reported that they enjoyed "Incorporating Multilingual Resources in teaching dramatic arts however, there was a need in Adapting Curriculum for Language Integration and **Utilizing** Language in Performance Techniques".

When asked about Student Engagement and Participation

Participant 'Y' responded by reporting that there was a need for learners to be "Actively Involvement in Multilingual Activities so as to enhancing Communication Skills through Performance which may encouraging Cross- Cultural Dialogue in dramatic arts learning"

©Authors

When teachers were asked about Professional Development for Teachers

Participant 'B' reported that teachers teaching dramatic arts needed "Training in Trilingual Pedagogical Approaches, they also needed Collaboration and Sharing of Best Practices so as to be able to overcoming challenges in implementation of dramatic arts teaching".

7.1.3 Research Question

1. What would be the insights and strategies would teachers offer for enhancing trilingual pedagogy in the context of teaching dramatic arts?

7.1.3.1 Generated Research Theme

- 7.1.3.1.1 Teacher Insights on Trilingual Pedagogy
- 7.1.3.1.2 Strategies for Enhancing Trilingual Pedagogy
- 7.1.3.1.3 Integration of Trilingualism in Dramatic Arts Instruction

7.1.3.2 Generated Sub-Research Themes

Teacher Insights on Trilingual Pedagogy when teachers were asked about their insights on teaching dramatic arts Participant 'A' reported "they had faced challenges in implementing trilingual approaches since most of the teachers were not formally trained in any university for three or more languages". Participant 'F' reported that there were of the view that their perceptions of Language Proficiency Levels Among Students was low and yet it was not so. Most students had high language understanding". Additionally, the participants reported that "dramatic arts trilingualism was the best reflections on cultural dynamics in multilingual classrooms they were teaching in"

When teachers weed about the **Strategies for Enhancing Trilingual Pedagogy** Participant 'G' responded by saying that she saw that "utilization of multilingual resources and materials motivated dramatic arts students to take their acting seriously Also, integration of Language Learning Objectives into Dramatic Arts Curriculum may be an added advantage to the learners. Furthermore, promotion of cross-cultural communication and understanding of others and enhance an utopian society".

When asked about Integration of Trilingualism in Dramatic Arts teaching, Participants 'J' responded by saying that "there was a need to incorporating Language

into performance techniques and exercises since dramatic arts was a practical subject. More so, there was a need for an adaptation of curriculum to emphasize multilingualism may be a necessity".

Participant 'H' reported that "it may be an added advantage to have an integration of Language Learning Goals with Dramatic Arts Learning Outcomes in the schools if the department of education may consider it from grade 10 to grade 12 in all schools".

The results of this study were put on graphs and tables by the researcher. The following graphs were drawn.

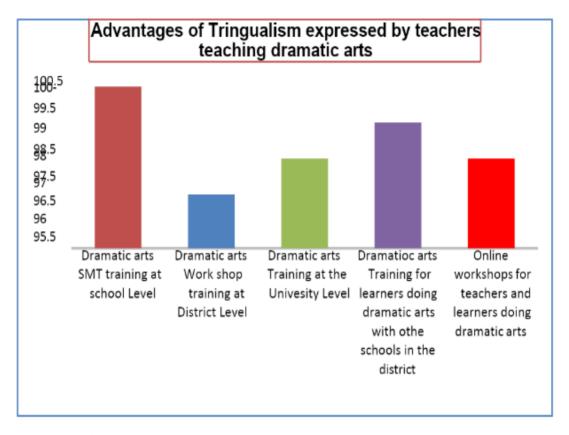


Figure 1: Tringualism Advantages among dramatic arts learners

Figure 1 above demonstrates that 98% of the participants stated that trilingualism in the dramatic arts improved students' conversational skills, 97% said it improved students' cultural awareness, 95% said it improved learners' informed cognitive understanding of the value of language use, 98% said it helped students become more aware of the inclusivity of others in the learning process, and 98% said it increased students' confidence in their ability to learn.

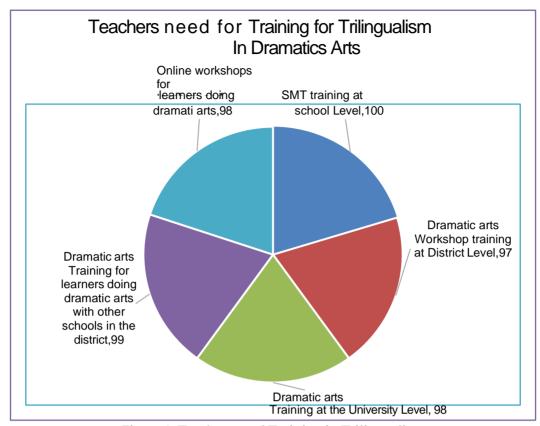


Figure 2. Teachers need Training in Trilingualism

Figure 2 shows that 100% of the participants said they required training from the School Management Team (SMT) at the school level, 97% said they required training at the district level, 98% said they needed training at the university level, 99% said they needed training for students participating in dramatic arts with other schools in the district, and 98% said they needed online workshops for both teachers and students.

8. Discussion of the Findings

The results of this study are consistent with the body of knowledge already available on trilingualism and education, especially when it comes to teaching dramatic arts. In their discussion of the opportunities and difficulties of trilingualism in education, García-Pastor and Martínez-Sierra (2020) are in line with the need to modify curricula and employ language-in-performance strategies in order to successfully incorporate trilingual pedagogy into dramatic arts education.

The realities of bilingualism are examined by Grosjean (2019), who highlights the advantages and challenges of managing multiple languages in educational settings. The results of the study, which place a premium on actively engaging students in multilingual activities and incorporating resources in multiple languages, are consistent with Grosjean's observations about the dynamic nature of bilingualism and how it affects learning experiences.

Lefort, Pascale, and Foucher (2020) also address multilingualism and multiliteracy in the context of drama education, emphasizing the value of mixing a variety of linguistic and cultural components into instructional strategies. This speaks to the need that dramatic arts education has been shown to have in fostering intercultural communication and raising students' cultural awareness.

As Norton (2018) discusses in the context of identity and language acquisition, the emphasis on collaboration among educators and training in trilingual pedagogical techniques underscores the need for continual support and learning opportunities in terms of professional development for teachers.

The results illustrated in Figure 1 demonstrate the significant influence of trilingualism within the framework of teaching dramatic arts, which is consistent with the body of literature currently available on language education and pedagogy. According to García and Li Wei (2019), translanguaging is an effective pedagogical strategy that highlights the seamless transition across languages in learning environments. This viewpoint is consistent with the benefits of trilingualism that students have reported, which include improving their conversational skills and cultural knowledge (cited by 98% and 97% of participants, respectively).

Furthermore, exploring cultural modes of learning, Gutiérrez and Rogoff (2019) stress the significance of acknowledging and incorporating learners' cultural repertoires into instructional approaches. The results shown in Figure 1, specifically in relation to the improvement of informed cognitive value of language use and inclusion awareness, demonstrate how trilingual pedagogy is in line with culturally relevant teaching strategies.

The New London Group (2018) supports a multiliteracies pedagogy that welcomes a range of expression and communication channels. This approach aligns with the benefits of trilingualism that have been indicated by 95% and 98% of respondents, respectively, in terms of improving learners' cognitive knowledge of language use and boosting their confidence in learning. Furthermore, the importance of social interactions and cultural environments in forming learning experiences is highlighted by Vygotsky's (1978) sociocultural theory. According to reports, trilingualism helps pupils become more conversant and culturally aware, which is in line with Vygotsky's theoretical viewpoints on the significance of language and culture in cognitive development.

The results shown in Figure 2 demonstrate how participants at different educational levels felt that trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts instruction was ineffective and that they needed more training. In order to help educators meet the problems of multilingual education, Grosjean (2019) talks about the nuances of triingualism and the significance of giving them the necessary support and training. The School Management Team's (SMT) stated need for training at the school level is consistent with Grosjean's (2019) focus on the leadership role of schools in assisting with language education programs.

Additionally, Gutiérrez and Rogoff (2019) examine cultural approaches to

learning and stress the significance of acknowledging and incorporating students' cultural repertoires into instructional strategies. The acknowledged necessity for district-level workshops and training for students participating in dramatic arts with other schools within the district is indicative of the contextual and cultural elements that impact the application of trilingual education.

In her discussion of the prospects and difficulties in trilingual pedagogy, Lee (2020) highlights the necessity of providing teachers with specialized training in order to successfully include three languages into their lesson plans. In keeping with Lee's observations regarding the significance of continuous professional development in trilingual education, there is a documented demand for dramatic arts training at the university level as well as online workshop training for educators and students.

Furthermore, Lefort, Pascale, and Foucher (2020) underline the advantages of incorporating varied language and cultural factors into teaching practices in their discussion of multilingualism and multiliteracy in drama education. The results presented in Figure 2 highlight how crucial it is to give educators and students training opportunities in order to support multilingualism and cultural diversity in the dramatic arts classroom.

The results presented in Figure 2 are consistent with previous research on language education and pedagogy, emphasizing the necessity of thorough training and assistance for the successful use of trilingual pedagogy in educational environments. Policymakers and stakeholders can facilitate the successful integration of trilingualism in dramatic arts education by attending to the perceived training needs of teachers at different levels of the education system. This will ultimately improve student learning outcomes and promote linguistic and cultural diversity in the classroom.

Furthermore, as per the benefits of trilingualism in raising students' understanding of inclusion and fostering cross-cultural communication, Chavez and Morales (2022) address methods for accepting linguistic variety in the classroom. The study's results add to the expanding corpus of research on trilingual pedagogy and demonstrate how well it can improve student learning outcomes in dramatic arts classrooms. In order to fulfill the many requirements of children in today's multicultural and multilingual society, educators can continue to improve and maximize trilingual pedagogical techniques by incorporating feedback from other educators and referencing theoretical frameworks from language education and pedagogy.

Teachers also point out a number of difficulties with trilingual pedagogy, including differences in students' language proficiency, resource constraints, and logistical issues. In spite of these challenges, educators show a strong dedication to cutting-edge teaching techniques and teamwork in order to optimize trilingualism's potential to improve student learning results in dramatic arts education. The conversations that follow from these findings shed light on the difficulties that come with trilingual pedagogy and emphasize the necessity of

continual professional development, resource allocation, and instructional support for successful multilingual integration into dramatic arts instruction. The results of this study add to the ongoing discussion about trilingualism in education and emphasize how crucial it is to match teaching strategies with language learning goals, encourage student involvement and engagement, and give educators thorough professional development. Educators can effectively improve trilingual pedagogy in the teaching of dramatic arts by addressing the indicated areas of concentration and relying on insights from current literature. This will ultimately enrich students' learning experiences and cultivate linguistic and cultural diversity in the classroom.

9. Conclusion

The investigation of improving trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts instruction presents both possibilities and difficulties. Teachers, who continue to play a crucial role in forming trilingual education, emphasize the advantages of this approach in terms of promoting linguistic variety, cultural awareness, and communicative proficiency. In spite of challenges such as disparities in language ability and limited resources, teachers are steadfast in their dedication to creative approaches.

Institutions may need to place a high priority on continuing professional development, providing workshops and seminars on language learning and culturally sensitive teaching, in order to maximize trilingual pedagogy. In order to effectively incorporate trilingualism into dramatic arts training and guarantee that a variety of viewpoints are represented, collaboration between curriculum developers and educators may be essential. Allocating resources may be crucial, requiring money for technology, language immersion programs, and bilingual materials. It may be advised to collaborate with experts and community members to enhance trilingual education, promote cross-cultural understanding, and expose students to a variety of customs. To measure the efficacy of trilingual pedagogy and use student portfolios and formative evaluations to guide instructional decisions, comprehensive assessment tools may be required. By adopting proactive and cooperative methods, educators can use transformative potential of trilingualism to improve student learning outcomes and foster cross-cultural interactions in the context of dramatic arts instruction. To maximize trilingual pedagogy and create inclusive learning environments where language diversity is embraced and cross-cultural understanding may flourish, institutions may need to make investments in professional development, curriculum design, resource allocation, collaboration, and assessment.

10. Recommendations

Several suggestions were given to guide future research and practice in the area of trilingual pedagogy in the teaching of dramatic arts based on the study's findings. The Department of Education and future research subjects received recommendations from this study.

10.1 Recommendations for Future Research

Subsequent investigations may examine the creation and execution of all-

©Authors

encompassing professional development initiatives for educators. These courses might concentrate on giving teachers the abilities and information they need to successfully incorporate trilingual pedagogy into the curriculum for dramatic arts. To overcome obstacles in implementing dramatic arts skills in the classroom, instructors should be encouraged to collaborate and share best practices.

Additional research may be necessary to determine how curriculum materials might be modified to effectively support linguistic integration. In order to ensure alignment with language learning objectives and to promote student involvement and participation in the teaching of dramatic arts, research might examine creative techniques to incorporate multilingual materials and activities into dramatic arts instruction.

Future studies may also look at how trilingual pedagogy affects learning outcomes for students, such as their ability to communicate, their understanding of cultural differences, and their confidence in their ability to learn. In order to determine techniques for maximizing the learning experiences of students and to evaluate the efficacy of trilingual educational approaches over time, longitudinal studies are required.

Research on the relationship between trilingualism and other facets of schooling, like identity formation and social inclusion, may be necessary. Future practice has to be informed by research into how trilingual pedagogy could support language and cultural diversity in the classroom and create a more welcoming learning environment. Teachers and researchers could improve trilingual pedagogy in dramatic arts instruction by taking these study ideas into consideration. This will ultimately improve students' learning experiences and encourage linguistic and cultural diversity in classrooms. Teachers can also improve their use of trilingual pedagogy while instructing dramatic arts, creating inclusive classrooms that value linguistic variety, cross-cultural communication, and artistic expression.

10.2 Recommendation for the Department of Education

The following educational needs were recommended:

Invest in Professional Development: It might be necessary for the Department of Education to give priority to funding extensive professional development programs for educators in order to improve their expertise in trilingual teaching, particularly in the dramatic arts. These courses may give teachers the guidance and assistance they need to successfully incorporate multilingual techniques into their lesson plans.

Develop Multilingual Curriculum Resources: The department of education could set aside funds for the creation of curriculum materials that successfully support linguistic integration. This entails developing multilingual materials and exercises that support student participation and engagement in a variety of linguistic and cultural contexts while still being in line with language learning objectives while teaching dramatic arts.

Support Research Initiatives: Research projects investigating the effects of trilingual pedagogy on students' learning outcomes in dramatic arts may require funding from the Department of Education. The department may be able to compile evidence-based insights to guide policy and practice in trilingual education for the teaching of dramatic arts by sponsoring collaborative research initiatives and longitudinal studies.

Foster Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing: It is advised that educators and educational institutions work together to exchange cutting-edge techniques and best practices for trilingual pedagogy in the dramatic arts. The creation of networks and knowledge-sharing platforms may promote peer learning and ongoing enhancement of dramatic arts instruction.

Promote Inclusive Education: Make sure that the application of trilingual pedagogy may be done in a way that honors and encourages language and cultural diversity. It is advised that educators receive direction and assistance in developing inclusive learning environments where all students feel appreciated and encouraged as they develop their language skills in the dramatic arts.

The Department of Education may effectively support the integration of trilingual pedagogy in schools by putting these ideas into practice, which would improve student learning results and encourage linguistic and cultural diversity in education.

11. References

- Antoniou, M., Grohmann, K. K., Kambanaros, M., Katsos, N., Kroll, J. F., & Rothman, J., (2018). Cognitive effects of bilingualism: Digging deeper for the contributions of language dominance, linguistic knowledge, socio-economic status and cognitive abilities. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 21(4), 797-819.
- Babbie, E. R. (2020). Survey Research Methods. Cengage Learning.
- Bialystok, E. (2018). Bilingualism: The good, the bad, and the indifferent. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 21(1), 1-15.
- Braun, V., & Clarke, V. (2019). Reflecting on reflexive thematic analysis. *Qualitative Research* in Sport, Exercise and Health, 11(4), 589-597.
- Bryman, A. (2018). Social Research Methods. Oxford University Press.
- Chavez, L., & Morales, E. (2022). Embracing Linguistic Diversity: Strategies for Trilingual Pedagogy in the Dramatic Arts Classroom. *Journal of Multilingual Education*, 8(1), 45-58.
- Creswell, J. W., & Creswell, J. D. (2018). *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*. Sage Publications.
- Creswell, J. W., & Poth, C. N. (2018). Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches. Sage Publications.
- Cummins, J. (2019). Pedagogies and practices in multilingual classrooms: Singularities in pluralities. *The Modern Language Journal*, 103(S1), 53-63.
- Denscombe, M. (2018). The Good Research Guide: For Small-Scale Social Research Projects. McGraw-Hill Education.
- Denzin, N. K., & Lincoln, Y. S. (2018). The Sage Handbook of Qualitative Research. Sage Publications.
- García, O. (2019). Translanguaging: A CUNY-NYSIEB Guide for Educators. CUNY-

©Authors (Contract of the Contract of the Cont

- NYSIEB.
- García, O., & Kleifgen, J. (2018). Educating Emergent Bilinguals: Policies, Programs, and Practices for English Learners. Teachers College Press.
- García, O., & Li Wei. (2019). *Translanguaging: Language, Bilingualism and Education*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- García-Pastor, M., & Martínez-Sierra, J. G. (2020). Trilingualism in the teaching of dramatic arts: Challenges and opportunities. *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*, 23(5), 540-556.
- Grosjean, F. (2019). Bilingual: Life and Reality. Harvard University Press.
- Guba, E. G., & Lincoln, Y. S. (2018). *Competing Paradigms in Qualitative Research*. In Denzin, N. K., & Lincoln, Y. S. (Eds.), The Sage Handbook of Qualitative Research (pp. 105-117). Sage Publications.
- Gutiérrez, K. D., & Rogoff, B. (2019). *Cultural Ways of Learning: Individual Traits or Repertoires of Practice. Educational Researcher*, 48(8), 475-484.
- Lee, H. (2020). Challenges and Opportunities in Trilingual Pedagogy: Insights from Dramatic Arts Educators. *International Journal of Multilingualism*, 17(3), 261-275.
- Lefort, L., Pascale, A., & Foucher, A. (2020). Multilingualism and multiliteracy in thefield of drama education. In R. Kiwan, L. L. Multilingualisms and education: Interdisciplinary and international perspectives (pp. 151-168). Multilingual Matters.
- Llinares, A., & Whittaker, R. (2021). *Language and Content in Language Learning*. Oxford University Press.
- Marian, V., & Shook, A. (2018). The cognitive benefits of being bilingual. Cerebrum: The Dana Forum on Brain Science, 2018, 1-10.
- New London Group. (2018). *A Pedagogy of Multiliteracies: Designing Social Futures*. Routledge.
- Norton, B. (2018). *Identity and language learning: Extending the conversation*. Multilingual Matters.
- Nowell, L. S., Norris, J. M., White, D. E., & Moules, N. J. (2017). Thematic analysis: Striving to meet the trustworthiness criteria. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 16(1), 1609406917733847.
- Pennycook, A. (2020). Language and mobility: Unexpected places. Multilingual Matters.
- Rodríguez-Valls, F., & González-Martínez, A. (2022). Exploring the impact of trilingual pedagogy on language development and artistic expression in dramatic arts education. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, 1-17.
- Smith, A. (2019). Multilingualism and the Arts: Exploring Creative Expression in Diverse Linguistic Contexts. *Language and Education*, 23(4), 315-330.
- Taylor, A. B., & Gibson, K. (2021). Integrating arts and language learning: A systematic literature review. *Language Teaching Research*, 25(4), 495-515.
- Vygotsky, L. S. (1978). *Mind in Society: The Development of Higher Psychological Processes*. Harvard University Press
- Yin, R. K. (2018). *Case Study Research and Applications: Design and Methods*. Sage Publications.