

**NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
GITWINKSIHLKW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GITWINKSIHLKW, BC**

OCTOBER 7, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

Trustees:	George Nelson, Chair Winnie Morven-Hansen Carl Azak Gary Cox	Gingolx Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Nass Camp Trustee
District:	Robert Clifton Bryce Recsky Tanya Azak Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Director of Instruction Director of Instruction Executive Assistant, Recorder
Regrets:	Danica Moore	Laxgalts'ap Trustee

1. PROTOCOL

Acknowledgement to Wilps Gitxhoon, Wilps Niiyuus for the loss a family member.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm.

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Board Chair Nelson declared quorum.

4. BOARD CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR ELECTION

Tabled to the November 2025 Board Meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R02-1656

THAT the Board of Education adopt the October 7, 2025, Agenda with item number 4. Board Chair/Vice-Chair Election moved to the November Board Meeting.

Moved: Trustee Azak

Seconded: Trustee Cox

Carried

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Meeting of September 10, 2025

R02-1657

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga’a School District adopt the Minutes of the September 10, 2025 Regular/Pubic Board Meeting as circulated.

AND THAT any corrections or amendments noted be incorporated into the official record.

Moved: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Seconded: Trustee Cox

Carried

6.2 Special Regular Meeting of September 23, 2025

R02-1658

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga’a School District adopt the Minutes of the September 23, 2025 Special Regular Meeting as circulated.

AND that any corrections or amendments noted be incorporated into the official record.

Moved by: Trustee Azak

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 None

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 District Principal – Curriculum & Instruction

Principal Laura Ganyo presented on the district’s shift from procedural to conceptual math instruction. The new three-part framework supports intentional lesson design to build confidence and skills in both teachers and students. Key elements include fostering a growth mindset, collaborative planning, and integrating the “Four Cs” (collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creative thinking) as essential employability skills. Strategies such as number talks and cross-curricular integration of math concepts were highlighted to promote a broader numeracy culture. Implementation is supported through monthly coaching, professional learning communities, and resource sharing. Principals will set learning goals with their teams, and progress will be monitored throughout the year.

9. EDUCATION

9.1 Learning & Innovation Update - Director of Instruction, Bryce Recsky

The Director reported on funding processes related to student designations, with a focus on inclusive education and Indigenous learners. Updates included standardizing IEP processes, timelines, and documentation for consistency and

audit readiness. Collaboration with provincial outreach partners is improving IEP quality and compliance. Data collection, including literacy and numeracy assessments, is underway to inform targeted interventions and planning.

R02-1659

That the Board of Education receive and file the Director of Instruction – Learning & Innovation October 2025 Report.

Moved by: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Seconded By: Trustee Azak

Carried

9.2 Superintendent's Update, Robert Clifton

The Superintendent reported on the district's strategic plan launch, anchored by four priorities: language and culture, empowered learners, thriving staff and collaborative leadership, and strengthening foundations. Initiatives include individualized student success planning, inclusive professional development for all staff, and alignment of operational and financial plans with strategic goals. Literacy and numeracy screening results are at provincial averages, with ongoing efforts to close gaps. The district is enhancing transparency through robust data collection and public reporting, strengthening partnerships with community and Indigenous organizations, and supporting local hiring and training of education assistants. Policy reviews are underway through a five-phase governance update plan, with emphasis on procedural fairness in addressing concerns.

R02-1660

THAT the Board of Education receive and file the Superintendent's Monthly Update.

Moved by: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Seconded by: Azak

Carried

10. BUSINESS

10.1 Indigenous Education Committee - Robert Clifton, Acting Secretary-Treasurer

Appointment of Members and Alternate to the Indigenous Education Committee.

In response to legislative changes (Bill 40, 2023), the board established an Indigenous Education Committee as a distinct advisory body focused on integrating Indigenous voices, worldviews, languages, and cultures into all aspects of district education. The IEC will guide program development, funding allocation, and enhanced student achievement for Nisga'a and other Indigenous learners, with the appointment of community representatives from each village.

R02-1661

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District No. 92 appoint the following individuals as members and alternates to the Indigenous Education Council for the 2025-2026 school year, in accordance with the Ministerial Order No. M217 issued by the Minister of Education and Child Care, and in alignment with the Board's commitment to Indigenous education and community engagement.

Appointed Members:

Taron Scott – Representative for Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks

Sheena Johansen – Representative for Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw

Peter Leeson – Representative for Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap

Mary-Lee Watts – Representative for Nisga'a Village of Gingolx

Appointed Alternate:

Vacant - Representative for Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks

Rochelle Moore - Representative for Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw

Phyllis Clark - Representative for Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap

Rene Clayton - Representative for Nisga'a Village of Gingolx

Moved by: Trustee Azak

Seconded by: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Carried

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS**11.1 Education Committee Report - Winnie Morven-Hansen, Trustee**

An update was provided on the formation and terms of the Education Advisory Committee, which will regularly advise on student achievement, curriculum, policy, and well-being. The committee includes broad representation from trustees, staff, labor partners, and students, and will meet multiple times annually with transparent agendas and minutes.

11.2 Board Chair Report - George Nelson, Trustee

The Board Chair summarized key events and updates, highlighted provincial leadership in Indigenous education, and reflected on cross-jurisdictional collaboration and legislative trends. The hiring and transition of key positions was noted, including the hiring of a full-time district counselor and administrative staffing changes. The importance of following proper channels for policy review and dispute resolution was discussed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

No correspondence received.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

No public questions.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm

Moved by: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried



Certified correct
George Nelson
Board Chair



Certified correct
Robert Clifton
Acting Secretary-Treasurer