

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (NISGA'A)
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGUAR BOARD MEETING
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
GITLAXT'AAMIKS, BC**

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 – 6:30 PM

In attendance:	Elsie Davis, Board Chair Charlene Ousey Alvin Azak Norman Hayduk Floyde Stevens	Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Nass Camp Trustee Gingolx Trustee
Also in attendance:	Joe Rhodes Kory Tanner Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 pm.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board Chair declared quorum

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 13, 2020:

R02-1288

That Board of Education approve the January 13, 2020 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

R02-1289

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on December 10, 2019 be approved with correction.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Stevens

Carried

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
None.

6. **PRESENTATION:**

6.1 NTU Presentation

Rich Hotson –

Presented budget recommendations to the Board.

Upgraded list of priorities

Examples of loss of services this year and last year

Effects of the loss are explained....

Gave recommendations

Written report to follow.

7. **EDUCATION:**

Joe Rhodes, Superintendent

7.1 2020-2021 School Calendar

Superintendent Rhodes seeking direction on creating the 2020/2021 School Calendar.

Requirement is the number of hours for instruction.

Input:

Spring Break – have one week, then another week later.

All Native week – would need community consultation to close schools for the week.

Trustee Davis to contact Char at the Branch

7.2 NESS Book Launch/NESS Hoobiye

Engaging Students

Besides all the regular things we do every day to connect learning with students, here are a few activities:

- RAC week February 9-15 – Real acts of caring – schools encouraged to participate
- Science Fair involvement – District competition in Terrace in April – GES interested, and other also encouraged to compete

- Skills Canada Competitions – hosted by Coast Mountain on March 6 – some students may compete in cabinet making, robotics, wind turbine competition, and spaghetti bridge building
- Grade 6/7 District Project based learning opportunity – students come to NESS and work in the areas of Art, Culinary and shops in February. Another day planned for June
- Hoobiyee – student led on January 27th at NESS – see poster. Other Language and Culture activities beginning in full swing as grant dollars from FNEESC have been received
- Students created a book in their Media course on “Nisga’a Stew”. It was launched today at NESS, along with 7 level reading books with a Nisga’a culture focus
- May 20, 2021 – possible Northwest Me to We day in Terrace high school students possible grade 7’s to participate – Rotary club in Terrace looking at the possibility to go with a leadership weekend for the youth they are hosting
- Earth Day Grant received by AAMES to explore composting, recycling, bear proof garbage bins, and community service garbage pick-up on Earth Day April 22.

The February 14th Pro D Day will be deferred until we know the date of the Education Conference.

8. **BUSINESS:**

Kory Tanner, Secretary Treasurer
None.

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

9.1 Policy No. 309-P – Provision of Menstrual Products to Students

Policy No. 309-P Provision of Menstrual Products to Students was sent out to all Community Agencies on September 18, 2019 with a deadline of October 17, 2019 for feedback/comments.

No feedback has been received.

R02-1290

That the Board of Education approve Policy No. 309-P Provision of Menstrual Products to students as presented.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Azak

Carried

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

10.1 BCSTA – Leadership Series

On March 2, 2020 in Prince Rupert, BCSTA will be offering a professional development course, the Leadership Series, for 2019-2020. This year's focus will be on strategic planning for student success.

Trustees that have confirmed are now registered and hotel has been confirmed.

10.2 Update on Bus Shelters

Director of Instruction - Calvin Morven

Had one meeting in October.

Planning on moving AFG dollars to target the shelter.

Need to meet with local village governments on land acquisition.

Need to meet for permits.

Possibility to utilize a facility, but would need supervision, looking at all the schools.

10.3 Motion to Write letter to NLG Meeting Request

Received a letter from NLG executive. Letter did invite this Board to a meeting with the executive.

Seeking a motion from the Board for the Board Chair to write a letter to Lisims executive to request that meeting.

R02-1291

That the Board of Education direct the Board Chair to write a letter to Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive requesting a meeting.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Stevens

Carried

10.4 Trustee Azak Report

At the last meeting Trustee Azak reported that he invited to make a report to the Gitwinksihkw Village Government.

Short summary:

Reported on facilities, language and culture grants, all student activities that went on, also the council of elders wrote a very supportive letter to AAMES. The governor general academic medal to student at GES, language and culture funding, six year completion rate.

The Village Government were very engaged, commenting, making suggestions, encouraging the staff to keep up with the improvements.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

None.

12. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

During the public question period, questions/comments were posed.

No staff communication with the NESS Book Launch – need to communicate this with NESS Administration.

School Calendar – options be put out for feed-back – Spring Break, accommodation for an Education Conference – 2 days set aside and brought forward for a possible education conference.

School district to have own education conference

School calendar – how it reflects the season

Oolichan season be good for spring break

Considering Nisga'a events and adjusting the school calendar to reflect that.

Hoobiyee is easy to put on the calendar.

Take kids to Fishery Bay

Change the calendar year to start early, to end early to reflect our Nisga'a culture.

As long as the instructional hours are met. Also have to have the agreement with the unions as well.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**


The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Ousey

Carried



Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Kory Tanner,
Secretary Treasurer