

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 – 6:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board Chair declared a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

R02-1357

That the Board of Education approve the June 15, 2021 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Azak

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

R02-1358

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on May 18, 2021 be approved as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Ousey

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

6. **PRESENTATION:**

- 6.1 Student Leadership - Pearl Morrison
Student Leadership presentation by Pearl Morrison
Update to the Board on happenings with the group throughout the year.

- Red Dress event
- Handing out red cupcakes around the school

Board Chair Davis:
What does the Student Leadership do?

Pear Morrison:
Organizing of the Red Dress event:

- Created a poster and hung up around the school
- To spread more awareness about the missing and murdered indigenous women, so people are more aware of it around our school
- Created a newsletter that was shared with community
- Part of a social justice campaign

Trustee Ousey:
Do you meet once a month, weekly, formal, informal, and were you elected into any positions?

Pearl Morrison:
No, we were not elected into any positions.
It is a class, we are getting credits for it.
We try to have weekly meetings. We try to have an event at least once a month.

There were 6 participants initially, but we now have 4.

Peter McKay
Welcome to you. I admire your strength and ability and your bravery to come and meet with us. The work you are doing is great, I saw your posters and it struck my eye and I want to know more.

Trustee Ousey,
Thank you for taking on such a great initiative for the missing and murdered indigenous woman. I am passionate about that cause as well.

Superintendent Jensen:
Thank you Pearl for volunteering to come today to the Board Meeting. I appreciate that and I am grateful to all of the Leadership students who have persevered throughout the year.

Alvin Azak:
Thank you very much for thinking of the Nation. That is what leadership is. You took it upon yourself to say "I will stand up and help the Nation walk in the right path", that is what leadership is. There have been many, many leaders in the past, very strong, very powerful, charismatic, knowledgeable leaders, whose path that you are now following. Their leadership is the reason why we are here today

enjoying the freedoms that they have won for us. This may be one of the first steps you have taken in leadership, but I am very sure it will not be the last. Keep up the good work.

Board Chair Davis

That you Pearl for coming, I too want to commend you on your bravery and your tenacity to put yourself out there and represent your school, your community, your peers. It is not an easy thing. I want to encourage you to keep attending our board meetings, even if you are not the representative. You learn a lot from watching people in leadership. Please extend my encouragement and my gratitude to your fellow student leadership group. It is an amazing initiative. Thank you. I am looking forward to seeing what your leadership group will do in the future.

7. **EDUCATION: Superintendent**

7.1 Annual Review of Strategic Plan 2018/2022

Superintendent presents a review of the Strategic Plan that has been in place for the last three years. There are six key areas of focus. Her attached report includes some of the highlights and successes that were accomplished in that Strategic Plan.

Additionally, we had our school plan celebrations last week with staff at each of our schools.

7.2 Strategic Priorities

Superintendent updates on the process and progress of the Strategic Priorities which will be put in place in the Fall. Hoping to have feedback by the end of June.

Board Chair Davis:

Thank you, Jill for all of the work that you have been putting into the strategic process.

Trustee Azak:

I'm really interested in our planning as per the new strategic plan. I am interested to see what kind of questions people are asking. As you know I have been wanting to see a lot of planning and evaluation of planning, and evaluation of how well we are doing against the goals that were set in our plan. To see our past goals and how they fit in to our education system.

Trustee Ousey:

Have you had any feedback from the community yet? When is the cut off.

Superintendent Jensen:

Yes. I will be receiving feedback through the survey until at least the end of the month.

7.3 Language and Culture
Peter McKay presented to the Board Language and Culture book resources that have been created for classrooms.

8. **BUSINESS:**
Secretary-Treasurer

8.1 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021-2022 CPSD92-01

First and second readings were done at the May 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

Third and final reading done today.

The Capital plan (including site acquisitions, Expansion Program, Replacement Program, Bus Acquisition Program, Seismic Mitigation Program, Building Envelope Program, School Enhancement Program, Carbon Neutral Capital Program, and Playground Equipment Program. Boards will prepare one bylaw for the annual capital plan. Capital plan bylaws must contain a provision by which the Board authorizes an appropriate official to execute project agreements related to the expenditures contemplated by the underlying capital plan.

R02-1359

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/2022-CPSD92-01 (2021-2022 Capital Plan Bylaw) be read a third time, passed and adopted the 15th day of June, 2021.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

8.2 2021/2022 Annual Budget

For 2021/2022, the Board must prepare an Annual Budget, and have it adopted by Bylaw before June 30, 2021. As per Section 113 of the School Act and Submit it to the Minister of Education by this date.

Attached is a copy of the 2021/22 Annual Budget Version: 5298-4552-2570

First and Second readings were done at the May 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

Third and Final reading done today.

R02-1360

That the 2021/2022 Annual Budget Bylaw Version: 5298-4552-2570 be read a third time, passed and adopted the 15th day of June 2021.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Azak

Carried

8.3 Monthly Financial Statements – May 31, 2021

Secretary Treasurer Tanner presents the Monthly Financial Statements ending May 31, 2021.

For information only

8.4 Day Care Report

Day Care Report for the Board's review.
For information only

8.5 Maintenance Report

Maintenance Report for the Board's review.
For information only.

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

None

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

None

12. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: (7:36 pm)**

Taron Scott:

Aama yukwsa as nisim' t'ooyaksiy' nisim', in regards to the language and culture, it seems as though the resources only focus on the elementary age groups, will there be additional resources for the secondary students?

Taron Scott:

A quick fact is that the 3 minutes limit posed is not sufficient nor respectful to the public that are trying to respectfully word their questions as per your board rules and regulations.

Rich Hotson:

I was very impressed by Mr. McKay's presentation and in particular his comment that it won't be long before people around the province will be coming to see what our District is doing in terms of Aboriginal content. If my memory serves me well, people around the province were coming to our District to see what we were doing, this was when the late Bertram McKay was heading up our Nisga'a Language and Culture program, when I was just starting to teach here. My question is 'why did it take us so long? It is great what we are doing!

Taron Scott:

How many fluent speakers are being utilized for the opportunity to be connected with the resources before a published, as 'many' is not an adequate number.

Taron Scott:


Outdoor education has had some great reviews among the students, I did not or may have missed it in the strategic plan, can anyone clarify if it will continue?

Taron Scott:


Have the language and culture enhancements involved the Outdoor education piece?

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm



Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Kory Tanner,
Secretary Treasurer