

**NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NATHAN BARTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GINGOLX, BC**

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025 – 4:00 PM

In attendance:	George Nelson, Chair Winnie Morven-Hansen Danica Moore Carl Azak Gary Cox	Gingolx Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Nass Camp & Surrounding Areas
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Also in attendance:	Robert Clifton Paul Mercer Sharlene Grandison Bryce Recsky Rajesh Joshi	Superintendent of Schools Secretary-Treasurer Executive Assistant – Recorder Director of Instruction Director of Finance
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Absent:	Danica Moore	Laxgalts'ap Trustee (medical)
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1. **PROTOCOL:**
Board Chair Nelson acknowledged the passing of a family member of Wilps Kwaxsuu. Condolences sent to the family.

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

3. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

R02-1631

That the Board of Education approved the April 1, 2025, Agenda as presented.

Trustee Morven-Hansen/Trustee Azak

Carried

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

5.1 Regular Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2025

R02-1632

That the Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 4, 2025 be approved.

Trustee Cox/Trustee Morven-Hansen

Carried

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

No business arising from the minutes.

7. **PRESENTATION:**

7.1 Introduction – Director of Instruction – Bryce Recsky

Mr. Recsky shared his background in alternative education and emphasized the importance of relationship-building and innovation in supporting students. He expressed excitement about joining the district and working towards student success.

8. **EDUCATION:**

Superintendent

8.1 Superintendent Update – April 2025

- Superintendent Clifton discussed the strategic plan for the upcoming school year, emphasizing the importance of community input and the integration of Nisga'a language and culture into the curriculum.
- Highlighted initiatives for literacy and numeracy, including a new grant for building educator capacity.
- Discussed the importance of creating a supportive and inclusive environment for students, addressing issues like bullying, and ensuring that students feel a sense of belonging.

R02-1633

That the Board of Education receive and file the Superintendent's April 2025 report as presented.

Trustee Morven-Hansen/Trustee Azak

Carried

8.2 Indigenous Education Director's Report
Tanya Azak

- Provided updates initiatives to involve elders and knowledge keepers in schools, enhancing culture education.
- Author Visits: successful visits from authors to schools, with plans for more in the future.
- Cultural Days: Positive feedback from recent culture events, with plans for future events to enhance student identity and engagement.

R02-1634

That the Board of Education receive and file the Indigenous Education report for April 2025 as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Morven-Hansen

Carried

9. BUSINESS:

Secretary Treasurer

No report.

10. POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

10.1 Field Trip Policy & Regulation – Draft

- Draft Policy on field trips was presented, focusing on risk management and ensuring student safety. The policy aims to clarify the procedures for planning field trips and ensuring proper oversight.
- Discussion on the necessity of having robust policies in place to mitigate risks associated with school trips.
- A special online board meeting will be scheduled to finalize and approve the field trip policy.
- Continued focus on integrating community voices into educational planning and decision-making.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

11.1 BCPSEA – Representative Trustee Winnie Morven-Hansen

Trustee Morven Hansen shares experiences from training sessions on negotiation processes, emphasizing the importance of understanding the complexities of educational governance and collective agreements.

11.2 Provincial Council – Trustee Carl Azak

Trustee Azak reported on BCSTA meeting discussions on tariffs, Victoria School Board concerns, and trustee leadership programs.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 12.1 Business – Chair Update
No report.
- 12.2 Education – Chair Update
No report.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

- 13.1 No correspondence received.

14. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

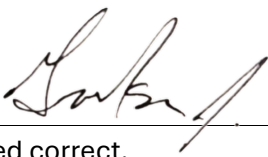
No public in attendance.

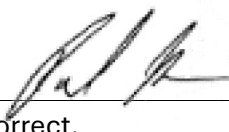
15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned 7:02 pm.

Trustee Morven-Hansen/Trustee Azak

Carried



Certified correct,
George Nelson,
Board Chair

Certified correct,
Paul Mercer,
Secretary Treasurer