

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024 – 6:30 PM

In attendance:	Winnie Morven-Hansen George Nelson, Chair Danica Moore Carl Azak Gary Gox	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gingolx Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Nass Camp & Surrounding Areas
Also in attendance:	Matthew Monkman Robert Clifton	Superintendent of Schools Incoming Superintendent of Schools
Absent:	Paul Mercer Sharlene Grandison	Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary (due to illness)

1. **PROTOCOL:**

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m.

3. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

R02-1607

That the Board of Education approve the November 19, 2024, Agenda as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Nelson

Carried

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

5.1 Minutes of October 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

R02-1608

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on October 8, 2024, be approved as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Nelson

Carried

5.2 Minutes of October 9, 2024, Special Regular Meeting Minutes

R02-1609

That the Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of the Board held on October 9, 2024, be approved as presented.

Trustee Cox/Trustee Azak

Carried

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

No business arising from the minutes.

7. **PRESENTATION:**

NESS Presentation by Charity Peal on initiatives happening at Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School.

Board Chair:

Is it possible at some point to add time to other days throughout the year to accommodate those 4 days so that they are not missing out on any structural time. Work it into the yearly plan.

8. **EDUCATION:**

Superintendent

8.1 Superintendent Report – November 2024

Update from the happenings at each school:

GES:

Curricular Learning Focus

- Nisga'a Language
- Literacy
- Music
- Arts

Supporting Core Competencies

- 8 Keys of Excellence
- Local Land Based Learning

NESS:

At NESS, the schedule was adjusted to accommodate Family time a both the elementary and secondary wings. The purpose of this is two-fold:

- Providing flexibility for learning – in the elementary wing, our focus is on numeracy and our students have an option and opportunity to move within the classes to meet their needs for additional support or extension in numeracy, number sense and deepening our ability to work with numbers, data and becoming more numerate; in the secondary wing, our focus is on Career Life Education 10 and Career Life Connections 12 – both required courses for graduation, all students who need the courses as well as providing an opportunity for our grade 9s to complete the

course prior to grad 10 have the time and support to complete the courses – both of these courses are distance learning courses – students who have completed these credit courses have additional opportunity for various coursework or their own inquiry; and

- Providing opportunity for students and teachers to offer support, connection and movement among family spaces – teachers, students and classrooms – this also provides us opportunity for family meetings, guest presentations and time for open conversation among students and teachers.
- Our Social Justice 12 class has made use of the secondary family time to generate discussion and open an opportunity for our secondary family to provide input, direction and curiosities to move their coursework forward – this student collaboration is amazing because the class does not meet on Hañigwilahl Sa – when family time occurs. In the coming weeks we will be communicating and developing an understanding to move forward with our Intensive Independent Inquiry week in Buxwlaaks 2025.

NBES:

- Students work from the grade 6/7 classroom where they learned about the late premier John Horgan
- Yoga buddies K – 5
- Unity Pole creations – L. Robinson's class

AAMES:

- ADST/Steam Wonderful Wednesday
- In our school when we go to the gym for anything we end up dancing our tribes to the gym. We are incredibly blessed to have Sheldon Martin coming into our school to work with Mrs. Rai and our language program.

8.2 Nisga'a Learner Enhancement Report – Director of Education & Early Learning

Indigenous Education Family:
Elder In Residence
Helping Teacher
Indigenous Education
StrongStart BC (SSBC)
Ready Set Learn (RSL) Progrma
Highlights from October

9. BUSINESS:
Secretary-Treasurer

9.1 Request for Proposal

Information for the Board

We will be sending a request for proposal out to Auditors so that we will have a fresh opportunity for the individual who will be conducting the audit for the school district. That RFP was part of the recommendations from the review that we did for the office of the Secretary Treasurer.

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

No policy development.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

11.1 Board Meetings

In-Camera meeting was not complete. No information available.

11.2 Trustee Representatives

Tables to the December Board Meeting

11.3 Indigenous Education Committee Report

Rep Trustee Nelson reported on his attendance (virtually) at the Indigenous Education Committee on October 24, 2024:

- The 2024 Conference has already gone by
- The 2025 conference will be in Manitoba and the IEC is hoping to send a Co-Chair
- The 2026 conference will be hosted by BC in Whistler
- Update from the Provincial Learning Committee BCSTA PLC
- Initiative to have student delegation from Nisga'a to perform O Canada as well as do a few songs out in the foyer
- Discussion centered on the AGM and the possibility of have our Grease being showcased not only for the cultural relevance but shared with delegates at the AGM that is held every April. There was discussion regarding the Grease Trail and the cultural relevance, heard from the Trustee from Quesnel that there is a literal story of a barrel that was leaking grease and created a literal trail. I would ask Admin to bring this to the Cultural Department to see if anything can be done for the 2025 BCSTA AGM in April.
- The remainder of the meeting was business: Motions for the AGM, Knowledge Series Teams, further meeting and strategic planning. One motion of note to the BCSTA Board of Directors to change the name of the IEC to the Indigenous Education Advisory Council. The rationale behind the motion is to ensure there isn't confusion that Bill 40 may create with their IEC's that the Bill mandates.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

No correspondence received.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

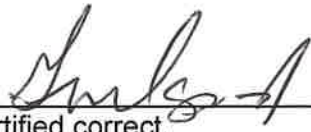
Could not hear questions. Or Board Chair response.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Trustee Cox/Trustee Nelson

Carried


Certified correct,
Winnie Morven-Hansen,
Board Chair


Certified correct,
Paul Mercer,
Secretary Treasurer