

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

<b>In attendance:</b>	Winnie Morven-Hansen George Nelson, Chair Danica Moore John Johansen Edward Desson	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gingolx Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Nass Camp Surrounding Areas Trustee
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<b>Also in attendance:</b>	Jill Jensen Kory Tanner Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Secretary-Treasurer Recording Secretary
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**Absent:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Protocol – Board Chair acknowledged the loss of a family member in Laxgalts'ap.

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

There is a declaration of quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**R02-1438**

That the Board of Education approve the April 18, 2023, Agenda as presented.

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Johansen

Carried

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

4.1 Minutes of March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

**R02-1439**

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on March 14, 2023, be approved.

Trustee Moore/Trustee Johansen

Carried

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

No business arising from the March 14, 2023 Regular Minutes.

6. **PRESENTATION:**

6.1 Gitwinksihlkw Elementary School

Principal Tanya Azak presentation:

Goals and how are we doing?

- Improve and increase literacy
- Communication
- Strive to improve Nisga'a proficiency and increase the Nisga'a content in all areas
- Nisga'a is not just a subject. It's everywhere, all the time, in all of us!
- Nurture a positive inclusive learning atmosphere in the school by providing quality instruction aimed at appropriate social and emotional behaviours.
- Love to have fun!
  - o Exploring
  - o Play games
  - o Music is awesome!
  - o Dancing is great!

What's next?

Invite elders in to tell stories, have conversation with the students and to visit.

Celebration Feast – May 18, 2023

7. **EDUCATION:**

Superintendent

7.1 Superintendent Update

Superintendent Jensen's April 18, 2023 Update.  
How do we create powerful learning environment.  
Professional Development.

NESS Exploratory Wednesday.  
Lip Wila Loom'  
Hoobiyee  
Pink Shirt Day  
Place-based learning  
Rural & Remote Recruitment Working Group  
First Peoples Principles of Learning

7.2 Indigenous Education Report

Indigenous Education Report verbal report by Peter McKay.

- Equity in action
- In the process of cleaning the Nisga'a Language and Culture building and moving materials to NESS.

8. **BUSINESS:**

Secretary-Treasurer

8.1 Monthly Financial Statements – March 31, 2023

Monthly Financial Statements at March 31, 2023 for information only.

For information only.

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

No policy development.

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

No Trustee reports.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

No correspondence.

12. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:** 7:26 p.m. to 7:35

Derek Azak:

**Equity Scan**

It says the budget (expenses & revenue) is \$86,381, and the budget was the same. Was this from this year or last year? Because I just attended the zones in Smithers, and we discussed this, it showed about 12 different districts including ours that is not included in this. Just wondering if they just did not receive that information that our district is now included in this equity scan.

Secretary Treasurer Tanner:

The two columns that you are looking at are basically budget related. The expenses would show up in different columns.

Superintendent Jensen:

Our district has been involved in the Equity Scan since June 24<sup>th</sup> of last year.

**Other Professionals:**

Also in the budget, in terms of Other Professionals, is that the administrative team total amount?

Secretary Treasurer Tanner:

It is the rest of the excluded staff, Superintendent, Secretary Treasurer, Director of Operations.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Trustee Johansen/Trustee Nelson

Carried



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Certified correct,  
Winnie Morven-Hansen,  
Board Chair



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Certified correct,  
Kory Tanner,  
Secretary Treasurer