

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

**NOVEMBER 20, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

In attendance:	Elsie Davis	Laxgalts'ap Trustee
	Norman Hayduk	Nass Camp Trustee
	Floyde Stevens	Gingolx Trustee
	Charlene Ousey	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustees

Also in attendance:	Joe Rhodes	Superintendent of Schools
	Carey Stewart	Assistant Superintendent
	Orest Wakaruk	Secretary Treasurer
	Kory Tanner	Assistant Secretary Treasurer
	Sharlene Grandison	Recording Secretary
	Kaitlyn Nyce	Student Trustee

Absent:	Alvin Azak	Gitwinksihlkw Trustee
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m.

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 16, 2018**

**R02-1237**

That the Board of Education approve amended Agenda for November 20, 2018 with the following additions:

- 7.3 DSAC Report
- 11.1 Christmas Celebration
- 11.2 BCSTA Trustees Academy

Trustee Stevens/Trustee Ousey

Carried

4. **INAUGURAL MEETING:**

4.1 Trustees take Oath of Office

Trustees take Oath of Office after presentation of Talking Stick and blessing.

4.2 Swearing in of new Board by Elders

Elders Alvin Nelson of Gingolx and Harry Martin of Laxgalts'ap made presentation of Talking Stick and blessing to the new Board of Education at the beginning of the Regular Session.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

5.1 Regular Board Meeting – October 16, 2018

**R02-1238**

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 16, 2018 be approved.

Trustee Davis/Trustee Ousey

Carried

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE OCTOBER 16, 2018 MINUTES:**

Breakfast Program at NESS is fully allocated.

Trustee Davis

Lunch at NESS

There is an influx of students leaning on Home-School Coordinator as well as some staff for lunch. Are there any dollars to supplement students for lunch? Had requested the Home-School Coordinator to put numbers together, and there are 13 students who do not bring lunch at the high school.

Trustee Stevens agrees with Trustee Davis, dollars should not be coming out of staff pockets.

Give direction back to Administration, need costs, full scale budget on what would costs to fund everyone and report back.

Trustee Ousey commented that she was informed that Hot lunch in Aiyansh was for everyone and that anyone could go to lunch. Maybe someone can check at the Resource Center.

**R02-1239**

That the Board of Education requests Administration to seek funds for NESS high school students for lunch at the office, so that it does not come out of the staff pockets.

Trustee Davis/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

**7. EDUCATION:****Superintendent of Schools – Joe Rhodes:****7.1 November 2 and 23, 2018 Pro D Days**

November 2, 2018

Language and Culture discussions

Information outcome presented from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Pro D Day:

- NESS language and Culture Grant
- Gitwinksihlkw Elementary – First Nations Language and Culture Program Funding
- Alvin A. McKay Elementary – Basic Framework for the Workplan
- Language and Culture Curriculum Development Team
- Resource and Equipment Development
- Central Unifying Theme

November 23, 2018 Pro D Day – NESS

Science World leading learning with coding and computational thinking

K-9 career education as well as applied science and technology

Science world will come to NESS on Friday.

**7.2 Strategic Plans**

An overview of 6 big ideas.

Attendance is improving due to home school coordinator monitoring attending and the breakfast program.

**7.3 Student Trustee Report – Kaitlyn Nyce**

Halloween student council raised money for a haunted house in the hallway.

The Grant for Nisga'a language – for half a day, we brought students in and we brought ideas that students want to learn: regalia making, drum

making, how to hold a feast, bring in elders for stories, carve, make jewelry, and learn more about our history.  
Students are barely getting enough of our language.  
Students are not attending Nisga'a class, due to only learning the basics.  
Hopefully there will be more students come into Nisga'a class and learn more about our history.

Trustee Davis

In regards to nisga'a language, information from the District Student Advisory Council is getting, it's just not enough, is that why they are not attending?

Trustee Ousey

Would that be a curriculum?

Superintendent:

There is a provincial curriculum – K – 12  
Needs revitalizing.

Trustee Stevens:

Thanks Student Trustee for her report.

Good to hear that students are thinking about the curriculum

Funds the district will be receiving will build a more robust Language and Culture program.

It will help in achieving a better program and things that you listed; are all very good ideas.

Send his regards to the District Student Advisory Council; good job on the report, keep up the good work.

Trustee Hayduk:

Thanks student trustee for providing perspective, it will be the most important perspective.

Encourages participation.

We would do our best to provide support.

Trustee Davis:

Please let DSAC know that you are all welcome to the meetings, trustees are welcome to attend DSAC meeting as well.

Glad to see you here today, thank you for coming

8. **BUSINESS:**

Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Kory Tanner presented reports for the Secretary Treasurer who chaired the meeting, due to no Board Chair and Vice-Chair Elected.

### 8.1 Royal Bank Cheque for Signatures

Signature cards for banking must be updated to reflect changes to staffing and trustees.

#### **R02-1240**

That the Board of Education for School District No 92 (Nisga'a) approve the Royal Bank Resolution regarding banking.

Tabled to the next Board meeting. Chair and Vice-Chair need to be elected by the Board.

### 8.2 IT and Vehicle/Equipment 5-Year Capital Plan

The District has prepared a 5-Year Capital Plan for Information and Technology and Vehicles/Equipment.

The plans support the initiatives in the District Strategic Plan.

#### **R02-1241**

That the Board of Education approve both the 2018/19 Capital Plans: Information Technology and Vehicle/Equipment.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

### 8.3 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

For consistency with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* respecting Public Accounts reporting, a Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) must be submitted by each school district within six months following the corporation's fiscal year end. School Districts are defined as corporations as outlined in the *Financial Information Act*.

#### **R02-1242**

That the School District Financial Information (SOFI) Report for the year ended June 30, 2018 be approved by the Board of Education.

Trustee Davis/Trustee Stevens

Carried

### 8.4 Day Care Centre

An update on the planning of a Day Care Centre for the District. A Capital Funding Proposal will be prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Children and Family Development by November 30, 2018.

8.5 Interim Financials at October 31, 2018

Interim Financial at October 31 2018 presented to the Board for review.

**R02-1243**

That the Board of Education approve the Interim Financial Statements at October 31, 2018.

Trustee Davis/Trustee Ousey

Carried

8.6 Information Technology Report – October 2018

Information Technology Report for October 2018 presented for information only.

8.7 Maintenance Report – October 2018

Maintenance Report presented for information only.

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:**

9.1 Policy No. 502-P – Capital Planning

The District Strategic Plan requires a policy to be written for key management areas. This is a new policy that organizes, explains and explains all Capital funding sources.

**R02-1244**

That the Board of Education approve sending the new draft Policy No. 502-P Capital Planning out to the public and agencies for comment and feedback by December 5, 2018.

Trustee Stevens/Trustee Ousey

Carried

10. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

10.1 NESS PAC Letter/Invitation to Trustees

Kathryn Kervel, PAC President invites the Board to attend any of the PAC meetings this year.

First meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2018 at the NESS Library at 7:00 pm.

**11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**11.1 Christmas Staff Dinner**

At the October Board meeting, the Board discussed a way to bring staff together as whole, rather than schools celebrating separately.

The School Board with Administration Staff will host a Christmas dinner for all district teachers and staff on December 14th at the Nisga'a Museum. Invitation will be sent out by the end of this week. This is for staff and a guest.

**11.2 BCSTA Trustee Academy**

Trustee Hayduk

Appointment for Provincial Council is done annually by the board, and we have not completed appointment of Reps.

Trustee Hayduk wonders if he should go ahead and attend the Provincial Council meeting at the Trustees Academy?

Trustee Stevens suggested to appoint Trustee Hayduk as an interim Provincial Council Representative.

**R02-1245**

That the Board of Education appoint Trustee Hayduk as Interim Rep and will attend the Provincial Council meeting at the BCSTA Trustees Academy 2018.

Trustee Stevens/Trustee Ousey

Carried

**12. PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

Rich Hotson:

Minutes of October Board meeting:

Grade 8 teachers did a short presentation and question on was there a penalty on HVAC, did not see in the minutes.

Lori Nyce suggested that a posting of the School District bus schedule be if we posted on the district website. Comments that the schedule is not consistent.

Big issue, other times students are waiting 20 minutes for the bus, and it is getting colder.

Calvin Morven:

Reasons for running late, driving changes; bus drivers phone in sick.

We usually make announcement on marine 6 that bus will be late

Will make announcement right before bus departure.

Trustee Davis

Suggests that the bus schedule be posted on the website, will hold the Bus drivers accountable. And Parents will now know what time the bus needs to be there and departs.

Trustee Ousey,

Who is the announcement for on marine 6?

Calvin Morven

It is usually the for the area.

Joe Rhodes:

In Cowichan, they use twitter.

Any changes were immediately transmitted.

Also put on the website.

Charity Peal

On strategic plan for nisga'a language and culture, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet, grades specific, was there not a scope sequence built for last year, or developing a new scope and sequence.

Carey Stewart

We are going to continue with one developed last year.

Just a matter of getting it out there.

Charity Peal

Whose responsible for that, when will it happen?

Carey Stewart

There are challenges, timing. We are not just looking at the scope and sequence.

Will have a full update at the next board meeting.

School plans, they're planning for their own school,

How are all of the school plans and district strategic plans meshing together?



Superintendent

FNESC gives the funding directly to the schools, not the district. We qualified in this round, each school has been given the authority and autonomy. Will bring all schools together when there is commonality.

Major concepts, all schools should be guided by the community, elders, etc.

Charity Peal;

Update on \$54,000 from NLG.

Update as how much was spent today?

\$600

Rich Hotson:

Foundation skills assessments 4-7

This year, there has been some disturbing news in students showing stress, because they were required to do the foundation assessment.

If we are forcing students, it is distressing, and if they hand in a partially finished quiz, the Ministry rates it, and the Fraser Institute gets a hold of it.

When will we have a district wide systemic method to exclude the kids that need to be excluded?

Superintendent Rhodes:

Rules for exclusion is straight forward.

If a teacher recommends that the student be excluded, if the student is unable to do the test.

The process does not need to be district wide.

Trustee Davis

Students visibly showing their stress.

Can you explain what it exactly means?

Rich Hotson:

Stressors?

Maybe it would be better is Lillian Gonu answers.

Lillian Gonu

- One of her students became stressed from having to do the FSA test
- This student was designated as ELL
- 17 other students designated as ELL who should not have taken the test
- In future, request that Administration review the test and meet as a team with teachers and decide district wide who should be exempt, who is designated as ELL
- There should be training on what can and cannot be done

- It's tough to administer this test the whole week
- A recommendation that students in grade 4 should have laptops for these activities.

Superintendent Rhodes:

That is actually correct, there is a dialogue, who meets the criteria.

Rich Hotson:

The Nisga'a language and curriculum?

Carey Stewart

We will go with the curriculum that has already been developed.

Charity Peal:

The Strategic plan

Page 18-19 – I see literacy focus, science first peoples, English first peoples,  
Do not see anything in numeracy. Is there no plan to address numeracy needs  
in the three year plan?

Superintendent Rhodes:

Last Board meeting surfaced the concept that numeracy needs attention.

There will be modified version of the Strategic Plan.

It will be first on agenda for the change.

We wanted to wait for the new Board to come in.

Charity Peal:

All reports, any reports to be mindful of naming names, because there is only  
one secondary language teacher.

Len Hanson:

Page 54 – Health and Safety section

This is happening in one school, not happening in other three,  
What's happen there is its been one District health and safety committee

Worried about health and safety of our cupe members.

Lillian Gonu:

Christmas Invitation

Really happy to hear that there will be a Christmas dinner.

We are all people, here for the nation, really happy that we are going to get together.

Hotson:

On behalf of the NTU, welcome new Trustees Ousey and Stevens.

Rich Hotson,

Health and safety Committee

Responsibilities:

Really extensive,

Huge amount of work involved to do correctly

Effort that goes into it, is going to be ....in the system

Opportunity here can be achieved in another district

Can influence – hopes somebody can carry it forward

Committee can push limits abit, goes beyond to make a difference in people's lives.

Ousey:

Responsibility for .....

Can HR do that?

Kory Tanner:

Occupational Health and Safety and district Health and Safety are two different things:

Occupational Health and Safety is governed by WCB and district Health and Safety is a joint venture by the district and both Unions.

NESS is the only school workplace that contains 20 or more workers and that has a health and safety committee.

Smaller schools do not require a committee. Each school will report to the district.

Trustee Davis, thanks the Trustee Student for her to report to the Board.

Derek Azak:

The Gym floor is not finished.

PE Classes and basketball practices, students slip and slide all over the floor.

Is there a budget to finish the floor?

Is a budget for busses for sports teams for Ness?

Two of our coaches, have to pick and choose which tournaments to attend.  
Is there extra budget for this as well?

BC School sports

Charity Peal

Before it was funded by the school and district.

In order to qualify with BC sports, you have to attend two tournaments.

Budget issues is similar to the lunch program.

Superintendent Rhodes

Will be happy to sit and meet with the athletic folks.

The days of the vending machines used to fund extra-curricular activities

Will be in touch with Derek to set up a meeting date.

Trustee Stevens:

Feeling is mutual.

Leadership and teamwork development are important for the students.

Lend my support as well, look forward to hearing a report.

Trustee Davis:

100 percent in favor on what will keep our kids in school,

Suggestion:

Aiyansh has a PAC meeting tomorrow, any PAC has BC Gaming funds they receive yearly, an avenue a suggestion to solicit your local village Governments, 100% behind you.

Charity Peal:

Can I go to advocate.

Concur with Trustee azak with the gym floor.

It needs a good resurfacing.

Trustee Ousey,

Will be get an update at the next Board meeting.

Yes.

Derek Azak

Equipment for sports, auction down south.

Will do more research on it.

Taron Scott

There is mention on day care, that there meetings with entities, did not hear you mention the village government.

If you know agreement between Gitlaxt'aamiks and School District 92 in regards to the residence buildings, Calvin can do bit of a follow up on that.

Calvin Morven

School assets were transferred over to the district.

Out of the tripartite agreement, nlg were negotiated.

There was no written agreement, it was verbal.

When the treaty was signed, all assets were returned to the district.

There is a safety rep at Gtiwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm



Certified correct,  
Elsie Davis,  
Board Chair



Certified correct,  
Orest Wakaruk,  
Secretary Treasurer