

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

**September 18, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

In attendance:	Elsie Davis, Board Chair	Laxgalts'ap Trustee
	Sally Barton	Gingolx Trustee
	Norman Hayduk	Nass Camp Trustee
	Tabitha Munroe	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustees
	Alvin Azak	Gitwinksihkw Trustee
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
	Jaden McKay	Student Trustee

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JUNE 19, 2018**

**R02-1222**

That the Board of Education approve the September 18, 2018 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Barton

Carried

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

4.1 Regular Minutes of June 19, 2018

**R02-1223**

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on June 19, 2018 be approved.

Trustee Barton/Munroe

Carried

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE APRIL 30, 2018 MINUTES:**

none

6. **EDUCATION:**

6.1 Initial Enrolment Forecast

Superintendent Rhodes presented on the initial enrolment forecast:

- Summer Learning July 2018 - for all schools a total of 84 student in attendance this past summer.
- Student Enrolment 2018/2019 – district wide a total of 396 students enrolled as of September 16, 2018.
- English Language Learning (ELL) – 1701 English Learning Language (ELL) as of September 15, 2018 (K-7), actual claim for 2018/2019: 158 students.
- Ministry Designations – 1701 Designated Count for all schools, total Ministry designations: 53 students.

6.2 Staffing Update

Superintendent Rhodes presented September 18, 2018 Report:

**Staffing changes:**

We welcome:

James Blake as the new principal at AAMES

Susan Forbrigger has returned to teaching the grade 6-7's at AAMES

Ram Etwaroo as the new math teacher at NESS

Wouter Pleunis as the Learning Support Teacher at NESS

**Back to School Marches:**

September 5<sup>th</sup> – Gitwinksihlkw Elementary had a very positive turnout of parents and community members.

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Nathan Barton Elementary post-poned to September 28<sup>th</sup>.

NESS – Significantly greater participation and the messaging was much more positive and collaborative than last year.

September 17<sup>th</sup> – AAMES – tentative (due to construction delayed to coincide with reopening of schools) – likely the end of October now.

**Graduation Completion:**

- 14 Graduates obtained their Dogwoods, this represents a significant increase over previous years.

- Three others have been offered a plan to get one or two missing courses
- 8 others who were well short of their course requirement have re-enrolled at NESS this September.

**Highschool Timetable/Program opportunities:**

Under strategic plan, there is a change in timetable at the high school

There are four terms:

Term 1 (71 days) – 3 courses and a support block

Term 2 (71 days) – 3 courses and a support block

Term 3 (18 days) – single course

Term 4 ( 18 days) – single course

**Outside the timetable:**

With Coast Mountain College:

Fall – Introduction to Residential Building Maintenance offered through WWNI.

Spring – Level 1 Cook Training (Jan. 7) as well as possibly Introduction to Health Sciences.

**Breakfast Programs:**

Gradually getting up and running all schools, still need equipment upgrades and a process to coordinate food delivery on a consistent economical way.

**Home-School Coordinators:**

Starting by seeking out students who are registered but have not shown up to school yet.

6.3 Strategic Plan Update

Did update under Highschool Timetable/Program opportunities.

6.4 2018-2019 Language and Culture Funding for First Nation Schools

Letter received from FNEESC announcing that the BC First Nations Education Steering Committee and BC First Nations School Association are pleased to announce that new funding for a First Nations Schools Language and Culture Program (FNLCP) is now available through the BC Tripartite Education Agreement.

7. **BUSINESS:**

7.1 Audited Financial Statements – 2017/2018

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented the 2017/2018 Audited Financial Statement for approval.

**R02-1224**

That the Board of Education of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve the 2017/2018 Audited Financial Statements.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

7.2 Information Technology Report

Secretary Wakaruk presented the September 14, 2018 Information Technology Report:

- Server upgrades
- New Software
- New Equipment
- Equipment Maintenance/cleaning/imaging
- Upcoming projects
- Help Design new website

For information only

7.3 Maintenance Report – June, July and August 2018

Maintenance Report for the months, June, July and August 2018:

NESS:

- Minor repairs and painting completed
- Foods room project completed
- Major cleaning and floor refinishing completed
- Playground equipment in process of being ordered for March installation

GES:

- Minor repairs, interior painting completed
- Major cleaning and floor refinishing completed

AAMES:

- Minor repairs, major cleaning in Portable classrooms, lunchroom building, music room portable completed for school startup completed

- HVAC upgrade completion date extended to end of October due to equipment delays

NBES:

- Minor repairs completed
- Major cleaning and flooring finishing completed

Housing:

- Minor repairs, major cleaning, painting, window replacement completed, exterior painted at Laxgalts'ap 4-plex
- Wood furnace add-ons to some units still need to be completed at 4 residences
- Backyard landscaping and fencing to be completed at 2 residences

Health and Safety:

- Notices to schools for dates for monthly Health & Safety meetings
- Put out a schedule for the year
- District Health & Safety committee in planning state for structure and meeting schedule.

Transportation:

- All school buses MVI completed
- Sold one of the replacement buses

Yard sale scheduled for September 28 and 29, 2018.

8. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:**

8.1 Policy No. 500-P – Accumulated Operating Surplus

Secretary Wakaruk presented the draft Policy No. 500-P – Accumulated Operating Surplus for Board review.

The Board of Education is required to develop a policy for “Accumulated Operating Surplus”.

**R02-1225**

That the Recommended action: “That the Board of Education Approve Policy No. 500-P Accumulated Operating Surplus” be struck from the table.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Barton

Carried

Policy needs to be circulated out to the public for review and input. This item will be brought to the October 2018 Board meeting.

8.2 Policy No. 501 – Budget Planning and Monitoring

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented Policy No. 501-P – Budget Planning and Monitoring for Board review, approval.

**R02-1226**

That the Recommended action: “That the Board of Education approve Policy No. 501-P Budget Planning and Monitoring” be struck from the table.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

Policy needs to be circulated out to the public for review and input.  
This item will be brought to the October 2018 Board meeting.

8.3 Policy No. 911-P District Code of Conduct – Administrative Procedures

A motion to extend the draft Nisga’a District Code of Conduct – Administrative Procedures was passed through the Board meeting in February 2018. It was sent out to All Agencies in the Valley.  
The only feedback was to review the District Code of Conduct – Administrative Procedures and confirm that it supports the district school culture.

**R02-1227**

That the Board of Education approve Policy No. 911-District Code of Conduct – Administrative Procedures as presented.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

8.4 Policy No. 508-P – Nisga’a Student Dress Code

School District 92 is currently updating the District Student Dress Policy.  
The language in this draft policy has been amalgamated from other district policies.

For review and circulated to communities for input.

**R02-1228**

That Policy No. 508-P Nisga’a District Student Dress Code be circulated out to all communities for feedback.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

9. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

None.

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

Student Trustee Jaden McKay presented her September 2018 report on:

- Pen Pal Opportunity - with a grade 3/4 class in S.D. No. 54.
- Graduation Class of 2022 – Possible trip for grads out of country.
- Dress Code for NESS, Teachers and Staff – concerns dress code should be for all, not just students.
- Vending Machines – possibility of having healthy vending machines in school.
- Code of Conduct of Teachers – does this apply to staff as well?

\*\*Board Chair Davis vacates seat to present Nisga'a Support Child Development Program presentation.

11. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Nisga'a Support Child Development Programs

Presenters: Cheryl Tait, Elsie Davis, John Paul on Student Practicum

The program promotes inclusion of children who require extra support to be included in a community setting, school or licensed child care setting and of their parent's choice.

John Paul:

Nisga'a Child and Family Services would like to offer the following wellness programs that will run for once a week for 8 weeks:

A debating Club for community members 14 and up, this will increase their public speaking, confidence, logic skills, analytical skills, form and present arguments, time pressure and organizational skills and meet new friends.

A Boys group focusing on the 7 Grandfather teaching. The group will be working together in writing rap lyrics, and in so doing, they will gain a strong voice for health changes in the community. The benefits of this group: Communication and Socials skills, reduces bullying, successful adults, self-expression, teamwork and writing skills.

Chess club for all ages giving community members the opportunity in learning and enlarging their chess skills. Benefits, helps concentration, improves memory, attention span, reading skills, social skills and emotion management, uses both sides of your brain, raise IQ.

## 12. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Christina Azak concerns:

- Commends Student Trustee for her report.
- Numbers done for school district, how many of those that left to graduate this year.
- Support staff cuts versus administration cuts
- Language class hours – wonderful that we're getting more dollars
- k-1 class in ges has half hour twice a week. 0 – 6 is prime age, really unclear as to why they are getting half hour
- new class schedule
- question of assistance of the board office, over the years we seen our district fluxuate with staff, teachers come and go, why they come and go, but I can personally I grew up in that board office, I've never seen that many staff in that office.
- Are you going to keep track of students?
- Planning courses – the work disappeared,
- Distance learning students, courses also disappeared
- School code of conduct
- Code of conduct for dress code
- Bullying issues – is a school issue
- Glad to see another council member, would like to see more govt officials attend these meetings. Our language and culture needs to be more prominent, and encouraging our parents to have that voice.
- Automated services notifying when parents are not showing up

Claude Barton:

Change in structure – public meeting – should be some consideration to meet the needs of the people.

Pleased to see student involvement – to bring concerns back and forth as a parent.

Cultural sensitivity training – with what the nation goes through, response back to the parent

Noticed on the agenda Student Residence was not on there..

The Student residences are dated, and needs upgrading. We rely on it heavily for our students.

Suggestion: Gingolx public meetings to partner up with school district.

Board chair: You as an elective official can to go to WSN with this suggestion.



Tanya Barton:  
Foods program / Shop  
Is this alternating, or does it run through the whole year.

It's run through the block systems, first term, second term.


For Student Trustee - Jaden – graduation class – year end trip,  
A province wide program that is offered, districts work with each others, and  
fundraise throughout the year, parents have to contribute.


13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

Trustee Azak/Trustee Barton

Carried

  
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Certified correct,  
Elsie Davis,  
Board Chair

  
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Certified correct,  
Orest Wakaruk,  
Secretary Treasurer