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Competent and confident learners making positive
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Regular Board Meeting		MINUTES	December 16, 2024 6:00 PM
Present:	D. Christie	Chairperson	
	D. Albertson	Trustee	
	S. Davis	Trustee	
	R. Pooley	Trustee	
	C. Walker	Trustee	
	M. Skinner	Interim Superintendent	
	D. Turner	Secretary-Treasurer	
	K. Black	Assistant Secretary-Treasurer	
	M. Gauthier	Director of Instruction	
	C. McKay	Director of Instruction	
	H. Silver	Recording Secretary	
Present Online:	N. Hazelton	Vice-Chairperson	
	A. McClinton	Incoming Superintendent	
	J. Fairley	District Principal of Indigenous Education	
	4 Members of the Public		
Guests:	C. Smith	DPAC Representative	
	Olive & Chloe	NVSS Student Voice Representatives	
	5 Members of the Public		
1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>			
The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson D. Christie at 6:00 p.m.			
2. <u>RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY</u>			
Chairperson D. Christie acknowledged that we are grateful to live, work, and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of fourteen First Nations represented by the Dakelh, Nedut'en, and Wet'suwet'en Peoples; and, we are working diligently towards creating equity for our learners through conscious Acts of Reconciliation.			
Specifically for this meeting, we feel honoured to gather in Saik'uz First Nation territory.			
3. <u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>			
The following guests were introduced:			
• A. McClinton, incoming Superintendent of Schools (via Teams) • J. Fairley, District Principal for Indigenous Education (via Teams) • C. Smith, DPAC Representative • Olive & Chloe, NVSS Student Voice Representatives			
4. <u>APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA</u>			
The Consent Agenda, including the following items, was approved:			
• The Agenda for the Regular Meeting dated December 16, 2024. • The Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated November 18, 2024. • The Record of the In-Camera Meeting dated November 18, 2024. • The Record of the Special In-Camera Meeting dated November 20, 2024.			
24-75 <i>MOVED and SECONDED</i>			
<i>THAT the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 16, 2024, be approved as presented.</i>			
<i>Carried</i>			

5. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Chairperson D. Christie formally announced that A. McClinton has been hired as the SD91 Superintendent of Schools, effective January 20, 2025. He also shared information about recent discussions with Ministers Beare and Ma, including topics such as recruiting challenges and northern infrastructure matters. Chairperson D. Christie stated that the Board will continue to advocate for SD91 students and staff at each and every opportunity that may arise.

Vice-Chairperson N. Hazelton acknowledged that she is grateful to live, work and play on the unceded, ancestral territories of the Ts'il Kaz Koh Nation. She also reported on the recent BCSTA Academy that took place at the end of November 2024.

6. **STUDENT VOICE**

NVSS Student Voice Representatives Olive and Chloe presented on the work of all SD91 Student Voice groups over the past few months.

** Olive and Chloe departed the meeting at 6:12 p.m.*

7. **DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DPAC)**

DPAC Representative C. Smith shared information from the November 28 DPAC meeting, including details about:

- supporting families in stressful times (like the EDS situation)
- Food in Schools program
- SD91 policy re-organization
- holiday concerts and events
- PAC engagement, fundraising and events

8. **EDUCATION DIVISION**

8.1 **EDUCATION UPDATE**

Interim Superintendent M. Skinner expressed welcome on behalf of SD91 staff to incoming Superintendent A. McClinton. He went on to highlight stories from the Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board, including:

- Indigenous Education - Bill 40, Indigenous Education Councils (IECs), and Learning Enhancement Agreements (LEAs)
- District Science Fair and Central Interior Science Exhibition (CISE)
- The collaborative efforts of SD91 Inclusive Education and Technology Departments to link iPads to William Konkin Elementary School students in support of their learning
- Fort St. James Secondary School's Fill the Bus community fundraiser
- Kudos to SD91 custodial staff

8.2 **OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD/SPORTS TRIP REQUESTS**

A. **INITIAL REQUEST**

24-76 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT initial approval be given to selected NVSS Francais Langue 10-12 students to travel to France from October 11 to 22, 2025.

Carried

9. **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

9.1 **FINANCE**

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner shared that the Ministry had recently informed school districts that they would be releasing Re-Calculated Operating Grant information to school districts in early January 2025, rather than following their normal timeline that would see the annual information go out in December. This delay from the Ministry is due to the recent provincial election, and it may also impact deadline dates for the Amended Annual Budget Submission that is normally due towards the end of February each year.

9.2 SITES

Secretary-Treasurer D. Turner provided information about a minor capital project change with respect to heating systems at Nechako Valley Secondary School.

24-77 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Minor Capital 2025/26 Main K-12 Submission – CNCP Project #163527 Project Description be changed from “Replace UV’s and Heat Pumps in rooms 123 & 125” to “Upgrade/Replace Boilers.”

Carried

9.3 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Interim Superintendent M. Skinner explained the proposed date change for SD91's April 2025 Non-Instructional Day from April 25 to April 11, 2025. If approved, this change will allow SD91 staff to participate in zone professional development opportunities in Prince George.

24-78 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the 'Draft Amended 2024-2025 School Calendar' be released for the minimum 30-day public consultation period.

Carried

10. MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION (MDI) PROJECT

Vice Chairperson N. Hazelton raised concern about the lack of Ministry funding for the Middle Years and Youth Development Index (MDI and YDI) assessments that are orchestrated by research groups from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and Simon Fraser University (SFU). There was discussion about various assessments that involve SD91 students and which ones are funded by the Ministry versus those that are not.

24-79 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) write a letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care in support of Ministry funding to UBC and SFU research groups for MDI and YDI assessments and reporting.

Carried

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

12. ADJOURNMENT

24-80 *MOVED and SECONDED*
THAT the Meeting of Monday, December 16, 2024, adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Carried

Darlene Turner, Secretary-Treasurer

Dave Christie, Chairperson