1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Dawn Proctor and Nancy Harris, from the Nukko Lake Elementary School Parent Advisory Council, spoke of their concerns regarding the district’s requirements that pea gravel be used as ground cover under playgrounds, noting that this made the playgrounds inaccessible for anyone with mobility issues.

Mr. Mix explained that the district had adopted pea gravel as a standard under the advice of its insurer. He noted, however, that it was not the only acceptable option. He was asked to look into the matter and report back to the Board at its next meeting.

Linda Naess, representing the Prince George District Teachers’ Association noted that two of the items on the evening’s agenda were particularly welcome, those being news of the implementation of full-day Kindergarten and the presentation of the Aboriginal Choice School Development Team’s report. She also provided trustees with a copy of a brochure published by the BCTF on the Foundation Skills Assessment.

Don Sabo, representing the District Parent Advisory Council, provided trustees with a copy of a letter sent to local MLA Pat Bell regarding cutbacks to education funding.
4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Ms. Warrington spoke about principal Anjula Corbin’s upcoming trip to the International Science Fair in China.

Mr. Hall thanked Diversified Transportation for their support of the recent student event at UNBC and reported that Husky Energy had recently donated $10,000 to Duchess Park Secondary School for the purchase of materials and resources.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 **Public Meeting**

The minutes of the regular public meeting of November 24, 2009, were adopted as circulated.

Ms. Warrington reported that following the November 24 meeting, additional information had been obtained which addressed the concerns raised during the discussion under Item 9.2, the Spirit of B.C. Committee update, and that therefore, no letter had been sent to the Vancouver Olympics Organizing Committee.

The minutes of the inaugural meeting held on December 8, 2009, were adopted as circulated.

5.2 **Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes**

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of November 24, 2009 and the special in camera meeting held on December 8, 2009, were approved.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 **Aboriginal Education Choice School Development Team Report**

Charlotte Henay, District Principal, Aboriginal Education, and Marlene Erickson, Aboriginal Education Board member, accompanied by Lheidli T’enneh Chief Dominic Frederick and AEB member Ray Gerow, presented the development team’s report and the recommendations contained in it.

Each of the 22 recommendations was reviewed and trustees’ questions were answered.
MOVED:  
That the Aboriginal Education Choice School Development Team Report be accepted and referred to the Superintendent of Schools for implementation.

The motion was discussed at length. Concerns were expressed about the lack of information about the costs that would be associated with implementing the recommendations.

MOVED:  
That consideration of the motion be postponed until the public meeting of January 26, 2010.  
CARRIED.

Mr. Pepper and Mr. Mix were asked to bring a report regarding the anticipated cost of implementing the recommendations to the January 26 meeting.

It was agreed that copies of the report should be sent to the Minister of Education, local MLAs Pat Bell and Shirley Bond, the opposition party’s education critic, the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and the Representative for Children and Youth.

7.  BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1  Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments

The list of appointments was reviewed.

MOVED:  
That the trustee committee and liaison appointments for 2010 be approved.  
CARRIED.

8.  DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

8.1  Superintendent’s Reports on Class Size

8.1.1  October 30, 2009

Mr. Pepper presented the report and answered questions.
MOVED:
That the Superintendent’s report on the organization of classes in School District No. 57, as of October 30, 2009, as required under Section 76 (3) of the School Act, be accepted.
CARRIED.

8.1.2 November 30, 2009

Mr. Pepper presented the report and answered questions.

MOVED:
That the Superintendent’s report on the organization of classes in School District No. 57, as of November 30, 2009, as required under Section 76 (3) of the School Act, be accepted.
CARRIED.

8.1.3 December 18, 2009

Mr. Pepper presented the report and answered questions.

MOVED:
That the Superintendent’s report on the organization of classes in School District No. 57, as of December 18, 2009, as required under Section 76 (3) of the School Act, be accepted.
CARRIED.

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

9.1 BC School Trustees’ Association

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

9.2 District Parent Advisory Council

This item was withdrawn.

9.3 Spirit of B.C. Committee

Ms. Warrington reported on upcoming events, including the Olympic Torch Relay celebration scheduled for January 29 at Exhibition Park in Prince George. She reported that she would bring an update to the January 26 meeting regarding the distribution of Olympics tickets to underprivileged youth in the province.
10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Hall drew the Board’s attention to the items of correspondence included in the agenda for information, which were:

- Letter dated December 18, 2009, from the Deputy Minister of Education re: Full-Day Kindergarten

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.