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It is with great sadness that we are informing you of the sudden passing of Trustee Jackie Timothy. During this sorrowful time, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Kim, a School District Teacher, and her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ms. Dale Lawson, Board Chair stated 'Jackie was a soft spoken man with strong conviction to his family and his culture. Love, peace, joy, happiness, and respect for all was the foundation of everything he did. Jackie was always willing to share a story, his many experiences shaped not only who he was but also touched the lives of everyone he chose to spend time and share his life with. Jackie's presence around our Board table, his commitment to education, and his kindness will be just a small part of his legacy. He will be missed deeply.'

Below is a glimpse into Jackie's past from a profile of his work at the Vancouver Public Library.

Storyteller in Residence 2010 Vancouver Public Library

Jackie Timothy is a storyteller, cultural presenter and master carver from the Tla'amin Nation near Powell River. Sharing the ancestral name La-Sah with his brother, he descends from the Hereditary Chief lineage of his village and his grandparents identified him as a traditional storyteller.

Timothy is also a residential school survivor. When he was four years old he was taken to the Sechelt Indian Residential School. Because he already identified strongly with his culture and retained his grandparents' advice to "remember who you are and where you are from", he endured and succeeded through very difficult times.

Today, Timothy shares his profound gift for traditional storytelling with listeners of all cultures and ages. The stories handed down to him through generations of his Coast Salish heritage are largely unknown outside his culture.

