

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017- 7:00 P.M.**

Trustees Present: T. Last, J. Beil, J. Horne, T-L. Huddlestone (by teleconference), B. Kuntz, L. Sanchez

Staff Present: K. Minette, C. McIntyre, A. Samoil, D. Carter

Chair Tina Last acknowledged that the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory and advised that trustee Huddlestone was attending the meeting by teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 20171010-1.0a**

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Sanchez (Prince Rupert) that the agenda be approved as presented."

**Carried**

**2. Presentation(s):**

**2.1 Gay-Straight Alliance, Christine Danroth**

The Superintendent introduced teacher Christine Danroth who has been a strong advocate for eliminating discrimination against people with different gender identities and expressions.

Ms. Danroth advised that the Gay Straight Alliance now has a new name: GLOW – Gay, Lesbian or Whatever – as selected by the students. About 2.5% of students identify as having a different gender identity or expression, and many of those students have the potential for at-risk behaviour and self-harm.

The group organizes a variety of activities and participate in fund-raising for club activities.

In response to a question, Ms. Danroth described the services and supports that are available for students.

Trustees expressed their appreciation for the work of the staff and students to make the school a safe place for all students.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the**

**3.1 Open Board Meeting held September 12, 2017**

**Motion 20171010-3.1a**

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meeting held  
September 12, 2017 be approved as presented."

**Carried**

4. **Necessity of Closed Meeting and Agenda**

- 4.1 Approval of Agenda
- 4.2 Approval of Minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held September 12, 2017
- 4.3 Human Resources Report
- 4.4 Secretary-Treasurer's Report
- 4.5 Other
- 4.6 Legal Items
- 4.7 Information Items
- 4.8 Old Business
- 4.9 Items for Release

<b>Motion 20171010-4.1a</b>		
Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the closed meeting be held and that agenda items 1 through 9 be approved."	<b>Carried</b>
Beil		

5. **Correspondence**

- 5.1 Addressed to the Board  
None.
  
- 5.2 Copied to the Board
  - 5.2.1 FSA Results
    - 5.2.1.1 BCSTA, October 3, 2017
  - 5.2.2 School Construction Projects
    - 5.2.2.1 BCSTA, October 3, 2017

<b>Motion 20171010-5.2.1a</b>		
Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the letters from the BCSTA be received and filed."	<b>Carried</b>
Kuntz		

Trustees commented on the issues that arise when FSA testing results are used to produce school rankings.

6. **Superintendent of Schools' Report**

- 6.1 For Board Information:
  - 6.1.1 Field Trips  
The Superintendent presented the list of approved field trips and described the We for She Conference, which promotes equality for women. 11 students from CHSS will attend this conference.
  
  - 6.1.2 Enrolment  
The Director of Instruction reported that the district's preliminary enrolment at September 30, 2017 was 1,990 students. Kindergarten enrolment was 146 students.
  
  - 6.1.3 Upcoming Projects/Learning  
The Superintendent reported that the October 20, 2017 Provincial Pro-D day will have 25 Provincial specialist sessions in the Province. Local events will also be held.

On October 19, 2017 three grade six classes will participate in the shoreline cleanup organized by the Prince Rupert Port Authority.

6.1.4 Metlakatla Ferry Service

The Superintendent reported on his conversation with the Executive Director of the Metlakatla Governing Council. The council appreciates the bussing service, but is looking for help with the ferry cost. The Superintendent offered to schedule a formal meeting.

6.1.5 Other

The Superintendent reported on the successful events held during Science Literacy week. Peter Scott organized this event.

On Implementation Day Monique Gray Smith spoke on healing and resilience. Each school also ran their own programs for half of the day.

A teacher mentoring program started with 8 new teachers and 8 teacher mentors. The Superintendent thanked the Board for supporting this work in the budget.

A New Staff Orientation took place with new teachers, support staff and exempt staff in attendance.

An Early Learning Transitions Initiative meeting was hosted by Maureen Dockendorf. This project seeks to find ways to help students be more prepared for the start of school.

7. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

7.1 Expenditure Statement

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Expenditure Statement at September 30, 2017 and answered questions from trustees.

7.2 Information Technology Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Information Technology Department Report for September 2017 and answered questions from trustees.

7.3 Operations Department Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for September 2017 and answered questions from trustees.

8. **Committee Reports**

8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Beil, Huddleston, Sanchez)**

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the committee met on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**

Trustee Horne advised that the new Framework document is available on the website.

The Superintendent reported that staff are preparing to do a survey of students' attitudes towards the goals set out in the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. Trustees expressed their support for the process of surveying students and expressed their hope that the results of the survey will lead to improved student achievement.

8.3 Provincial Council **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**

8.3.1 October Provincial Council Meeting  
Trustee Horne advised that he would attend the next Provincial Council meeting on October 27 and 28, 2017. BCPSEA will give a presentation with respect to preparations for bargaining in 2019.

8.4 Aboriginal Education Council **(Trustees Huddlestone, Sanchez)**

Nothing to report at this time.

8.5 Policy Committee **(Trustees Kuntz, Horne)**

8.5.1 September 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes  
Trustee Horne presented minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting of the Policy Committee.

8.5.2 Policies for Review

8.5.2.1 7410 Audit Services Policy

**Motion 20171010-8.5.2a**

Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Audit Services Policy be sent to the district's partner groups for their input."	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
Kuntz		

Trustee Horne advised that the committee recommended the Board send the policy to the district's partner groups for review.

8.5.3 Policies for Approval

8.5.3.1 3520 Disposal of Land and Improvements Policy

8.5.3.2 3530 Disposal of Surplus Assets Policy

8.5.3.3 6250 District Parents Advisory Council Policy

**Motion 20171010-8.5.3.1a**

Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Disposal of Land and Improvements, Disposal of Surplus Assets and District Parents Advisory Council policies be approved."	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
Kuntz		

Trustee Horne advised that the committee recommended the Board approve these three policies.

8.6 District Technology Steering Committee **(Trustee Horne)**

Trustee Horne participated in the meeting by teleconference. Librarians have expressed a concern that the upgrade to the library system may require additional time and have asked for a delay in the implementation. This request for additional time could be discussed during the budget process.

Student electronic resources are expensive. The committee is reviewing the cost and utilization of specific programs. The committee could make a request to the Board during the budget process if there is a need for additional resources.

There is a new website, www.rupertschools.ca. Many new computing devices were installed over the summer. Roosevelt computer lab was dismantled to return the space to classroom use. A wifi upgrade is underway.

Use of phones in schools varies by school. Trustees discussed if this policy should be reviewed.

9. **Old Business**

9.1 BCSTA Branch Meeting

**Motion 20171010-9.1a**

Huddlestone	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Chair write a letter of thanks to School District No. 52 for hosting the fall branch meeting."	<b>Carried</b>
Horne		

Chair Last thanked her fellow trustees for attending the Branch Meeting in Haida Gwaii. Trustee Beil reported on the meeting.

Trustees discussed the frequency of the fall Board meeting, wondering if it could be more focussed on education relevant to our region, and considered if the meeting should be every second year.

9.2 FNEESC Conference, November 30-December 2, 2017

**Motion 20171010-9.2a**

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that no Board member attend both the FNEESC Conference and the Academy in 2017, but instead choose to attend one or the other."	<b>Carried</b>
Sanchez		

Chair Last reminded the Board of trustee Huddlestone's request to attend the FNEESC conference. Trustees discussed the Board's commitment to reduce their travel costs and will consider a review of the Board's travel policies to lay out ground rules for future decisions.

Trustee Huddlestone withdrew her request to attend the FNEESC Conference.

10. **New Business**

10.1 NWCC Renaming

**Motion 20171010-10.1a**

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Chair write a letter to the Northwest Community College, copied to the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, the Industry Training Authority and the Minister of Education, that the Board is not in support of the proposed change of the college's name to Coast Mountain College."	<b>Carried</b>
Horne		

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the press release from the Northwest Community College and their request for a letter of support for their proposed new name of Coast Mountain College.

Trustees raised concerns with the lack of support from the college for the Coastal Pathways Partnership and the difficulty students have accessing trades training programs.

11. **Information Items**

- 11.1 BCSTA Liaison Meeting, October 25, 2017  
Chair Last advised that she will be attending the meeting along with the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer.
- 11.2 BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting, October 26, 2017  
Chair Last advised that she will be attending the meeting.
- 11.3 BCPSEA Provincial Advisory Committee, November 1, 2017  
Chair Last noted that Trustee Huddleston is attending this meeting as a member of the committee.
- 11.4 BCPSEA Symposium, November 2-3, 2017  
Chair Last advised that Trustee Huddleston would attend the Symposium as the Board's delegate.
- 11.5 BCSTA Academy, November 23-25, 2017  
Chair Last reminded all attendees to check their travel arrangements.

12. **10 Minute Question and Answer Period**

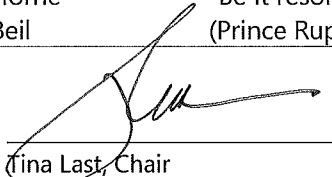
- Q. Staff enjoyed the new employee orientation and there have been positive comments from teachers in the mentorship program. Will the mentorship program be included in the next budget?  
A. Please remind us at budget time.
- Q. There will be a presentation from SD52 at the FNEESC conference, and registration is still open for the conference.  
A. Thank you.

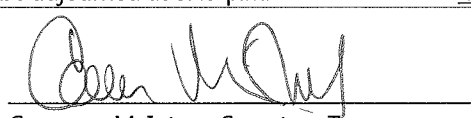
13. **Adjournment**

**Motion 20171010-13.1a**

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m."

**Carried**

  
Tina Last, Chair

  
Cameron McIntyre, Secretary Treasurer