

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

Trustees Present: T. Last, J. Beil, Judy Carlick-Pearson, James Horne, T-L. Huddlestone, B. Kuntz,
L. Sanchez
Staff Present: S. Jones, C. McIntyre, A. Samoil, K. Gomez
Regrets: K. Minette

Chair Last presented former trustee Gruber with a plaque recognizing her service with the board and expressed thanks on behalf of the Board for her contribution to the Board for the last 3 years. A plaque will also be presented to former trustee Bowles.

Call to Order

Secretary-Treasurer Cam McIntyre called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the last meeting of 2014 and the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Education. He advised that, in accordance with the bylaw, he would chair the meeting until the Board elected a chair.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 20141209-1.0

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

2. **Presentation(s):**

2.1 School Wide D.P.A. and Teacher Collaboration Time - École Roosevelt Park Community School

The Superintendent introduced Principal Sheila Wells, Vice-Principal Andrée Michaud and teachers Megan Chow, Michael McDowall and Laura Gerrits to describe the schools daily physical activity program that provides for teacher collaboration time. The program is demonstrating that students are coming into their classes relaxed and ready to learn. Teachers have expressed their appreciation for the collaboration time and indicate that it is being well used.

Trustees indicated their appreciation of the positive impact the program is showing, and expressed their hope that other schools would consider similar changes.

3. **Election Results**

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the official election results.

4. **Oath of Office**

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that all of the trustees had completed their oath of office.

5. **Elections**

5.1 Election of Board Chair

The Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

Trustee Last was nominated by Trustee Beil.

No other nominations were received after three calls, and Trustee Last was elected Chair by acclamation.

Trustee Last assumed the Chair.

5.2 Election of other officers:

5.2.1 Election of Vice Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Trustee Beil was nominated by Trustee Kuntz.

No other nominations were received after three calls, and Trustee Beil was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

5.2.2 Election of BCSTA Provincial Council Member

The Chair called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Member.

Trustee Carlick-Pearson was nominated by Trustee Beil.

No other nominations were received after three calls, and Trustee Carlick-Pearson was elected BCSTA Provincial Council Member by acclamation.

5.2.3 Election of BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate

The Chair called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate.

Trustee Huddlestone was nominated by Trustee Beil.

No other nominations were received after three calls, and Trustee Huddlestone was elected BCSTA Provincial Council Alternate by acclamation.

5.2.4 Election of BCPSEA Representative Council Member

The Chair called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative Council Member.

Trustee Huddlestone was nominated by Trustee Kuntz.

No other nominations were received after three calls, and Trustee Huddlestone was elected BCPSEA Representative Council Member by acclamation.

5.2.5 Election of BCPSEA Representative Council Alternate

The Chair called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative Council Alternate.

Trustee Sanchez was nominated by Trustee Kuntz.

No other nominations were received after three calls, and Trustee Sanchez was elected BCPSEA Representative Council Alternate by acclamation.

- 5.3 Appointments to Schools and Committees
The Chair distributed to trustees a list of available appointments. Trustees were asked to complete the form and submit them to the Chair. Trustees will be contacted to advise them of their appointments.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Board Meetings held November 10, 2014

Motion 20141209-6.1

Huddlestone "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the minutes of the open Board meeting held November 10, 2014 be approved as presented." **Carried**

7. Necessity of Closed Meeting and Agenda

- 7.1 Approval of Agenda
- 7.2 Approval of Minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held November 10, 2014
- 7.3 Human Resources Report
- 7.4 Secretary-Treasurer's Report
- 7.5 Other
- 7.6 Legal Items
- 7.7 Information Items
- 7.8 Old Business
- 7.9 Items for Release

Motion 20141209-7.1

Huddlestone "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Beil a closed meeting be held and that agenda items 1 through 9 be approved." **Carried**

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Addressed to the Board
 - 8.1.1 Notice of Public Hearing
 - 8.1.1.1 City of Prince Rupert, November 6, 2014
Trustee Horne advised that he was an employee of the City of Prince Rupert and expressed his concern that he could be seen to be in a position of conflict of interest for this agenda item.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that, as Mr. Horne is not in a management or executive position with the City, the potential for a fiduciary benefit is not significant and therefore he can participate in the debate and vote.

Motion 20141209-8.1.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the district contact senior staff of the City of Prince Rupert to share the Board's concerns." **Carried**

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that he had attended and spoken at the public meeting, expressing concern with the potential impact of a work camp in the community. The City approved the proposed bylaws immediately after the public hearing. Trustees discussed the potential impact of the proposed work camp.

- 8.2 Copied to the Board
 - 8.2.1 Select Standing Committee
 - 8.2.1.1 School District No. 70, November 6, 2014

Motion 20141209-8.2.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the letter from School District No. 70 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 8.2.2 B.C. Ferries Fare
- 8.2.2.1 School District No. 47, November 12, 2014

Motion 20141209-8.2.2.1

Sanchez "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Horne the chair write a letter to the Minister of Transportation that students travel to
Vancouver free of charge." **Defeated**

Motion 20141209-8.2.2.2

Sanchez "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Horne the letter from School District No. 47 be received and filed." **Carried**

Trustees discussed whether the letter would address the specific concerns of School District No. 47 or whether it would be a request for assistance to all students in the Province. Some trustees expressed the view that it would be unrealistic to expect a letter to result in any change in government policy.

- 8.2.3 Executive Compensation
- 8.2.3.1 School District No. 43, November 4, 2014
- 8.2.3.2 School District No. 91, November 17, 2014

Motion 20141209-8.2.3

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the letters from School District Nos. 43 and 91 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 8.2.4 Teacher Education Fund
- 8.2.4.1 School District No. 68, November 13, 2014

Motion 20141209-8.2.4

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the letter from School District No. 68 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 8.2.5 Strike Savings
- 8.2.5.1 School District No. 20, November 17, 2014

Motion 20141209-8.2.5

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Sanchez the Chair write a letter to the Minister of Education asking that 20% of the September
strike savings be left in the district." **Carried**

9. Superintendent of Schools' Report

9.1 For Board Information:

9.1.1 Field Trips

Motion 20141209-9.1.1

Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Beil the Board support, in principle, the planned PRMS field trip to Costa Rica." **Carried**

The Superintendent reviewed the approved field trips. Vice-Principal Pam Groves of Prince Rupert Middle Schools presented the Board with information about the proposed field trip to Costa Rica and answered questions from trustees.

9.1.2 Enrolment

The Director, Human Resources advised that enrolment at November 30, 2014 was 2,068, a slight increase from September.

9.1.3 Upcoming Learning Opportunities

The Superintendent advised that the next learning opportunity would occur after Christmas with Faye Brownlie.

9.1.4 Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement

Motion 20141209-9.1.4

Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the Board approve the Superintendent's annual report on student achievement." **Carried**

The Superintendent presented the Annual Report on Student Achievement for the 2013/14 school year and answered questions from trustees. Trustees expressed their appreciation for the positive results reflected in the report.

9.1.5 Learning Environments Study

Motion 20141209-9.1.5

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Horne the Board approve the district's participation in the proposed study." **Carried**

The Superintendent described the proposed study and recommended that the Board approve participation in the study.

9.1.6 Other

Imagine Legacy Grants – 4 schools applied and were successful: Roosevelt; Conrad; PRMS; and PCS. PRMS received a \$500 grant from Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL).

The R.E.M. Lee Hospital Foundation presented copies of a book on the history of the Skeena River to each of the district's schools.

There is an opportunity for 2 teachers to attend the Bread Loaf School of English this summer thanks to a sponsorship from Ridley Terminals Inc.

Motion 20141209-9.1.6

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Huddleston the meeting be extended beyond 3 hours." **Carried**

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

10.1 Expenditure Statement

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Expenditure Report for November 2014.

10.2 Operations Department Report

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for November 2014. In response to a question the Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the district now has access to Provincial pricing on the purchase of vehicles.

- 10.3 Information Technology Report
The Secretary Treasurer presented the Information Technology Department Report for November 2014.

11. Committee Reports

- 11.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Kuntz, Beil)**
11.1.1 Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
11.1.1.1 Education

Motion 20141209-11.1.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Huddlestone the chair write a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance supporting the recommendations for K-12 education in the 2015 budget consultation report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services." **Carried**

11.1.1.2 Literacy

Trustee Beil presented the results and recommendation for literacy from the 2015 budget consultation.

- 11.2 District Improvement Team Report **(Trustees Kuntz, Huddlestone)**
Trustee Huddlestone advised the District Improvement Team had met and had reviewed the work underway in the district.

- 11.3 Provincial Council Report **(Trustee Huddlestone)**
11.3 Provincial Council Motions
Trustee Huddlestone indicated her willingness to advise Trustee Carlick-Pearson in her new role and asked the Board if they had any recommended motions for the February meeting of the Provincial Council. No motions were proposed.

- 11.4 Aboriginal Education Report **(Trustees Huddlestone, Last)**
11.4.1 November 24, 2014 Agenda
Trustee Huddlestone asked the District Principal of Aboriginal Education to inform the Board of the discussions at the meeting. The District Principal of Aboriginal Education advised that it was the first meeting in her new role. Information was shared on the progress of programs and an update was provided on staffing changes in the department. The budget was reviewed. Elizabeth Wilson is working on a draft of the annual report.

11.4.2 June 3, 2014 Minutes

Trustee Huddlestone presented the minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting of the Aboriginal Education Council.

- 11.5 Policy Committee Report **(Trustees Sanchez, Beil)**
No meeting was held.

- 11.6 District Technology Committee Report **(Trustee Kuntz)**
No items to Report.

- 11.7 Healthy Community Integration Committee **(Trustee Huddlestone)**
11.7.1 October 28, 2014 Agenda

Trustee Huddlestone anticipates the next meeting of the committee will be in the new year.

11.712 June 24, 2014 Meeting Notes

Trustee Huddlestone presented the notes of the June 24, 2014 meeting of the Healthy Community Integration Committee.

12. **Old Business**

12.1 BCSTA Academy, December 4-6, 2014

Chair Last advised that all trustees had attended the Academy for an excellent series of education sessions, including a session led by the Right Honourable Joe Clark.

13. **New Business**

Motion 201411209-13.1

Huddlestone Carlick-Pearson "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Board host a meet and greet event with its partner groups in the new year." **Carried**

Trustee Huddlestone proposed that the Board host a meet and greet event with the new Board and its partner groups in the new year.

14. **Information Items**

14.1 BCPSEA AGM, January 30, 2015

Chair Last advised that Trustee Huddlestone would attend the BCPSEA AGM on behalf of the Board.

Trustee Huddlestone advised that an orientation for new trustees is planned for the day prior to the AGM and that December 11 is the deadline for motions to the AGM.

14.2 Trustee Updates on Schools

Chair Last advised that updates would not be provided at this meeting as the trustees have been travelling and some schools do not currently have a trustee assigned to them.

15. **10 Minute Question and Answer Period**

Would the Board like to hear more information on the Strongstart program?

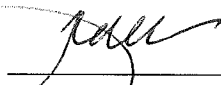
There are 4 locations, run by 3 coordinators. Hours at the mall outreach have been expanded, and it is busier. Professional development for the coordinators will take place on December 15, 2015, shared with Success by 6 and Westview Childcare Centre.

16. **Adjournment**

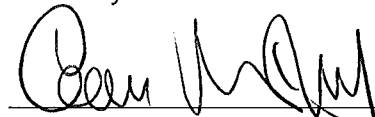
Motion 201411209-16.1

Carlick-Pearson Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m." **Carried**

Chair Last extended the Board's best wishes for the holiday season.



Tina Last, Chair



Cameron McIntyre, Secretary-Treasurer