

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

Trustees Present: T. Last, J. Beil, J. Carlick-Pearson, J. Horne, T-L. Huddlestone, B. Kuntz, L. Sanchez

Staff Present: S. Jones, C. McIntyre, K. Minette, A. Samoil, K. Gomez

Chair Tina Last acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on Ts'msyen territory, and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 20150310-1.0

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

2. Presentation(s):

2.1 Project Based Learning through the course: Information Communication and Technology.
Doug Brown, Jared Polyck and Barry McLeod and Susan Kobza.

The Superintendent introduced Principal Susan Kobza, Teacher Doug Brown and students Jared Polyck and Barry McLeod. Mrs. Kobza reviewed the 21st Century real-world skills outlined by the Ministry of Education and explained that they are addressed in the school's Information Communication and Technology course, which is called Spectrum 21.

Mr. Brown described the excitement of the staff and students to explore the technology available to learn these real-world skills. The process began from the basis of what the student's already knew. Students then developed their knowledge by looking at what others have learned before them. Students were challenged to develop their skills and then share them with younger students.

Jared Polyck did a research project on pie, and Barry McLeod did a research project on technology. Mr. McLeod indicated that the class is helping to prepare students for the real world.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting held February 10, 2015

Motion 20150310-3.0

Carlick-Pearson "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Huddlestone the minutes of the open Board meeting held February 10, 2015 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 February 10, 2015
- 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

Motion 20150310-4.0

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

5. Correspondence

- 5.1 Addressed to the Board
 - 5.1.1 Hockey Academy
 - 5.1.1.1 PRDTU, February 11, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.1.1.1

Huddleston "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the letter be tabled until the Board has heard from the Superintendent." **Withdrawn**

Motion 20150310-5.1.1.2

Huddleston "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Horne the Superintendent be directed to respond to the PRDTU Letter." **Carried**
Trustees raised concerns about the ability of all students to afford the hockey academy. The Superintendent advised that the cost may be an issue for a small number of students and a hardship fund is available. If the academy proceeds it will offer more choice to students and is expected to encourage better school attendance for some students.

- 5.1.2 Celebrating Literacy
 - 5.1.2 North Coast Literacy Now, February 26, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.1.2

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the letter from North Coast Literacy be received and filed." **Carried**

- 5.2 Copied to the Board
 - 5.2.1 Capital Funding
 - 5.2.1.1 School District No. 5, February 11, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the letter from School District No. 5 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 5.2.2 Select Standing Committee
 - 5.2.2.1 School District No. 44, February 2, 2015
 - 5.2.2.2 School District No. 5, February 11, 2015
 - 5.2.2.3 School District No. 20, February 16, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.2

Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Beil the letters from School District Nos. 44, 5 and 20 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 5.2.3 BCSTA MOU
 - 5.2.3.1 School District No. 5, February 11, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.3

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the letter from School District No. 5 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 5.2.4 Advocacy Letters
 - 5.2.4.1 School District No. 5, February 11, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.4

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the letter from School District No. 5 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 5.2.5 Education Guarantee Policy
 - 5.2.5.1 School District No. 73, February 13, 2015
 - 5.2.5.2 School District No. 42, February 23, 2015
 - 5.2.5.3 School District No. 23, March 3, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.5

Sanchez "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the letters from School District Nos. 73, 42 and 23 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 5.2.6 Strike Savings
 - 5.2.6.1 School District No. 20, February 16, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.6

Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the letter from School District No. 20 received and filed." **Carried**

- 5.2.7 Funding
 - 5.2.7.1 School District No. 39, February 17, 2015
 - 5.2.7.2 School District No. 42, February 25, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.7

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Beil the Chair write a letter supporting the funding issues raised in these letters." **Withdrawn**

Motion 20150310-5.2.7

Carlick-Pearson "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Beil the letters from School District Nos. 39 and 42 be received and filed" **Carried**
Trustees noted that the district has a small surplus most years and so a request for more funding may not be appropriate at this time. The Secretary-Treasurer suggested the Board reconsider a letter on funding after the announcement of district funding for 2015/16.

- 5.2.8 Provincial Budget
 - 5.2.8.1 BCSTA, February 18, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.8.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the letter from BCSTA be tabled to the next meeting." **Carried**

- 5.2.9 Exempt Compensation Freeze
 - 5.2.9.1 School District No. 20, February 16, 2015
 - 5.2.9.2 School District No. 44, February 20, 2015
 - 5.2.9.3 School District No. 61, February 23, 2015

Motion 20150310-5.2.9

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the letters from School District Nos. 20, 44 and 61 be received and filed." **Carried**

6. **Superintendent of Schools' Report**

6.1 For Board Information:

6.1.1 Field Trips

The Superintendent advised the Board of the approved field trips.

6.1.2 Enrolment

The Director, Human Resources advised that enrolment at February 28, 2015 was 2,051. This is down 10 from January, primarily due to declining enrolment at CHSS and PCS in conjunction with the start of second semester.

6.1.3 Upcoming Learning Opportunities

The Superintendent reported on the learning opportunities offered in the last month.

6.1.4 School Calendar

Motion 20150310-6.1.4

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Horne the school calendar for 2015-2016 be adopted." **Carried**

The Superintendent discussed the feedback received from partner groups and advised that an agreement was reached with PRDTU that allows one day to be added to the combined Spring Break and Easter long weekend.

A trustee asked if work on a 2 week Spring Break could be done prior to the submission of next year's draft calendar. The Superintendent indicated that this would be done.

6.1.5 Other

The Superintendent reported that the Provincial Basketball competitions are underway. Junior girls have returned, and Senior boys left yesterday. Grade 8 boys attended in a tournament in Pitt Meadows.

The Superintendent acknowledged that the district receives tremendous support from the community – businesses and non-profit organizations. This support is greatly appreciated.

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

7.1 Expenditure Statement

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Expenditure Report for February 2015.

7.2 Operations Department Report

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for February 2015.

7.3 Information Technology Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Information Technology Department Report for February 2015. The Director of Instruction – Information Technology provided further details of the impact of personal cell phones on classroom activities.

7.4 City of Prince Rupert

Motion 20150310-7.4

Carlick-Pearson "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that

Beil the Chair write a response to the City requesting a joint meeting of the Board of Education and City Council." **Carried**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the request from the City of Prince Rupert for a representative of the school Board to meet with City Council.

8. **Committee Reports**

8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Beil, Huddleston, Sanchez)**
Trustee Beil reported that budget process was discussed.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Ministry of Education has asked the district to complete a seismic Rapid Assessment Report on Prince Rupert Middle School. This report will be used to re-assess the seismic risk of the school.

8.2 District Improvement Team Report **(Trustees Kuntz, Sanchez)**
Trustee Sanchez reported on the meeting and presented highlights of the review of the District Improvement Plan.

The Director of Instruction described the role of the District Career Coordinator, a position funded for one year by the Ministry of Education.

8.3 Provincial Council Report **(Trustee Carlick-Pearson)**

Motion 20150310-8.3.1

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

Motion 20150310-8.3.2

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Sanchez the Chair write a letter to BCSTA in opposition to the proposal to combine the 2016 Trustee Academy with the "Learning Forward" event and express a preference for a stand-alone event." **Carried**

Trustee Huddleston reported on her attendance at the BCSTA Education Committee. The committee will be asking Board's to consider a proposal to combine the 2016 Trustee Academy with a large event scheduled for Vancouver called "Learning Forward". Another possibility will be to hold the Trustee Academy as a "conference within the conference."

Motion 20150310-8.3.3

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Carlick-Pearson the district not meet with MLA Jennifer Rice at this time, as requested by BCSTA." **Tabled**

Motion 20150310-8.3.4

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz motion 20150310-8.3.3 be tabled until the district receives more information on funding for 2015/16." **Carried**

Motion 20150310-8.3.5

Huddleston "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the Chair write a letter to BCSTA advising them of the Board's decisions in response to their request." **Carried**

Trustee Huddleston reported on her attendance at the Provincial Council meeting on behalf of Trustee Carlick-Pearson. Ken Clarkson was elected a Director of BCSTA in the by-election and three motions were passed. One of the motions resulted in a letter from BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff asking Boards to meet with their local MLA's to review the district's need for more education funding.

Trustees expressed their concern that it is difficult to make a case for more funding while the district continues to receive significant funding protection.

Trustee Huddleston reported that nominations for Directors and Officers for the election at the BCSTA AGM are due on March 17th and that the Aboriginal Education Committee would be bringing motions to the AGM.

8.4 Aboriginal Education Report (Trustees Huddleston, Horne)

8.4.1 Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report

Motion 20150310-8.4.1

Carlick-Pearson "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that Beil the Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report for 2013-14 be received and submitted to the Ministry of Education." **Carried**

The District Principal of Aboriginal Education distributed copies of the final report and was thanked by trustees for the work being done by the Aboriginal Education department.

8.5 Policy Committee Report (Trustees Horne, Kuntz)

8.5.1 February 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Horne presented the minutes of the February 24, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting.

8.5.2 Policies for Review

8.5.2.1 4310 Occupational Health & Safety

Motion 20150310-8.5.2

Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that Horne the Occupational Health Safety Policy be sent to the district's partner groups for their comments." **Carried**

Trustee Horne advised that the Policy Committee had reviewed the Occupational Health & Safety Policy, the Bullying & Harassment Policy and the Protection of Employees from Violence in the Workplace Policy. This draft policy would cover all three areas, and so the other two policies would be removed from the board's policy book if this draft is approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that regulations for all three areas would remain in the district's regulation book. The current Bullying and Harassment Policy was written to address the behaviour of students, employees and others such as contractors and volunteers. If the revised policy is approved, it will address bullying and harassment directed at employees, while the district Code of Conduct policy will address student behaviour. The behaviour of other persons, if not addressed through this policy, can be addressed through the Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools Policy or the Protection of Students and Maintenance of Order Policy.

- 8.6 District Technology Committee Report **(Trustee Last)**
8.6.1 Technology Steering Committee Meeting, March 3, 2015
Trustee Last presented the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting.

9. **Old Business**

9.1 Work Camps

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the issue of a proposed work camp on Wantage Road was discussed in a meeting that included the Superintendent and the City Manager, Bob Long. It is acknowledged that if a major project proceeds there will be a significant impact on the City. Mr. Long advised that, following discussions with the RCMP and a review of activities in Terrace and Kitimat, most of the incidents that police responded to were in relation to itinerant workers who arrived looking for work, not workers who had been hired and brought to the community to work on the project.

10. **New Business**

None.

11. **Information Items**

11.1 Cross Boundary Applications, February 2 – 27, 2015

Chair Last noted that the deadline for cross-boundary applications had passed.

11.2 Annual Budget Consultation Meeting, March 12, 2015

Chair Last invited everyone to attend the third and final meeting in the budget consultation process at 7pm on Thursday.

11.3 Spring Break, March 16-19, 2015

Chair Last expressed the hope that staff will have a good break.

11.4 Celebrating Literacy, March 28, 2015

Chair Last hoped there would be a good turnout for the 6th annual event at the Rupert Square Mall.

11.5 BCSTA AGM, April 16-19, 2015

Chair Last advised trustees to confirm their attendance with the Board office.

11.6 CHSS Grad, May 29, 2015

Chair Last advised trustees to mark their calendar for this graduation event.

11.7 Service Awards, June 8, 2015

Chair Last advised the service awards would take place on June 8, 2015.

11.8 PCS Grad, June 17, 2015

Chair Last advised the PCS Grad would take place on June 17, 2015.

11.9 Trustee Updates

Trustee Kuntz – Roosevelt – Canadian Parents for French are an active group. Yoga is happening monthly; the PAC is working hard, did pancakes and will donate money towards the intermural program.

Trustee Huddleston – PRMS – PAC reviewed requests for funding from their budget. School events include a Crazy 80's day; student/teacher hockey game; and curling. The Medieval Faire is tomorrow at the school.

Healthy Community Integration Committee – The next meeting is on March 31, 2015. \$12,000 is being used to provide a free youth night at the civic centre tomorrow.

Trustee Beil – Port Ed – The PAC is working to attract more parents. A school mission statement has been drafted and sent to parents for feedback. Yoga mats and new books have been purchased. The school is planning a Spring trip to Metlakatla.

Trustee Horne – PCS – a potluck took place this month with a drumming performance. TREC went to NWCC in Terrace. Geocaching was a popular event.

Trustee Horne - CHSS – basketball is a big event. The trades program is exciting, including a new grade 10 introduction to trades course for next year.

Trustee Sanchez – Conrad – PAC is planning a carnival. An anti-bullying assembly was held, using the Port Ed video.

Trustee Carlick-Pearson – Pineridge – The school held a Dr. Seuss week. Student awards were handed out at an assembly . Participated in dodge-ball. Anti-bullying day activities took place.

Trustee Last – Lax Kxeen – an igloo is being built in the library from milk cartons. A zomba-thon raised money for charity. The school will get a new computer lab.

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

Q. When is the next large DIT meeting.

A. May.

Q. Why were teachers not involved in the development of the Hockey Academy?

A. The district has introduced the Academy and discussed it with staff.

13. **Adjournment**

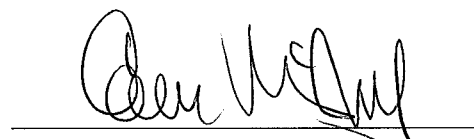
Motion 20150310-13.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that Carlick-Pearson the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 pm."

Carried



Tina Last, Chair



Cameron McIntyre, Secretary-Treasurer