

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

Trustees Present: T. Last, J. Horne, T-L. Huddlestone, B. Kuntz

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

Regrets: J. Beil, K. Minette

Absent: L. Sanchez

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 20160308-1a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52

Huddlestone (Prince Rupert) that the agenda be approved as presented."

Carried

2. Presentation(s):

2.1 Jack Layton Sustainability Award, Jeremy Janz

The Superintendent introduced teacher Jeremy Janz who taught at Hartley Bay School from 2012 to 2015. Mr. Janz gave a power point presentation on the project and then showed the video that was the result of the project.

Students and community elders participated in the planning for the project, which enabled students to utilize technology for a practical application to their lives in the village. The project developed leadership skills in the students which will help them become the community's leaders in the future.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Board Meetings

3.1 Held February 9, 2016

Motion 20160308-3a

Huddlestone "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52

Horne (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meetings held

February 9, 2016 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 9, 2016
- 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 20160308-4a

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

Carried

5. **Correspondence**

(attachments)

- 5.1 Addressed to the Board
 - 5.1.1 By-Election
 - 5.1.1.1 City of Prince Rupert, February 19, 2016
Trustees agreed to discuss this letter under agenda item 9.1.
 - 5.1.2 Invitation
 - 5.1.2.1 Celebrating Literacy, February 22, 2016

Motion 20160308-5.1.2a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Kuntz (Prince Rupert) that the letter from North Coast Literacy Now be
received and filed."

Carried

- 5.2 Copied to the Board
 - 5.2.1 Exempt Staff Compensation
 - 5.2.1.1 School District No. 20, February 1, 2016

Motion 20160308-5.2.1a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District
Kuntz No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the letter from School District
No. 20 be received and filed."

Carried

- 5.2.2 Downloading Education Costs
 - 5.2.2.1 School District No. 72, February 3, 2016

Motion 20160308-5.2.2a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District
Kuntz No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the letter from School District
No. 72 be received and filed."

Carried

- 5.2.3 Curriculum Implementation

5.2.3.1 School District 19, 2015, February 4, 2016

Motion 20160308-5.2.3a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District
Kuntz No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the letter from School District
No. 19 be received and filed."

Carried

5.2.4 Control of Ungulates

5.2.4.1 School District No. 5, February 10, 2016

Motion 20160308-5.2.4a

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

Carried

5.2.5 Letter of Support

5.2.5.1 School District No. 40, February 12, 2016

Motion 20160308-5.2.5a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District
Kuntz No 52 (Prince Rupert) that the letter from School District
No. 40 be received and filed."

Carried

6. Superintendent of Schools' Report

6.1 For Board Information:

6.1.1 Field Trips

The Superintendent presented the list of approved field trips.

6.1.2 Enrolment

The Director, Human Resources reported that enrolment at February 29, 2016 was unchanged at 2,057 students.

6.1.3 Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report

Motion 20160308-6.1.3a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District
Kuntz No 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Board of Education approve the
Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report
for 2014-2015."

Carried

The Superintendent introduced the District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Roberta Edzerza and the Co-Chair of the Aboriginal Education Council, Marlene Clifton. Ms. Edzerza distributed copies of the Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report for 2014-2015. The pictures in the report highlight the activities that took place last year. Role models were very active in district schools. Learning in nature is an important part of the curriculum.

The report begins with the partnership agreement, which is now up for renewal. Highlights were reviewed with the Board. Data collection is continuing this year. Continued training in Sm'alg yax language is critical to the work of the Aboriginal Partnership Agreement. The Department is writing a chapter in a book on successes in the implementation of aboriginal education.

6.1.4 Upcoming Learning Opportunities

The Superintendent reported Carol Fullerton was here last week working with teachers on math instruction in line with the new curriculum. Fiona Morrison is here this week working with Sm'alg yax language teachers and in the library at Lax Kxeen Elementary School.

6.1.5 2016-17 School Fees and Deposits

Motion 20160308-6.1.5a

Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No.
Kuntz	52 (Prince Rupert) that the Board of Education approve the
	Schedule of School Fees and Deposits for 2015-16."

Carried

The Superintendent advised the list had not changed from last year.

6.1.6 Other

The Superintendent provided an update of the water quality issue. Water flushing was implemented and follow-up testing took place last week. Sinks in washrooms and change rooms at Roosevelt and PRMS continued to exceed limits and have been turned off pending further investigation. The Superintendent answered questions from trustees.

Motion 20160308-6.1.6a

Kuntz	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No.
Horne	52 (Prince Rupert) that the survey of middle and secondary
	students on mental health and substance abuse be approved."

Carried

The Superintendent advised she has received a request for a proposed survey for middle and secondary school students on mental health and substance abuse.

Consultation on the school calendar options for the 2016-2017 year is continuing. School newsletters have provided information to advise parents how to send in their feedback.

Artwork is from Debbie Carter's Grade 3/4 class at Pineridge.

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

- 7.1 Expenditure Statement
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Expenditure Statement for February 2016.
- 7.2 Operations Department Report
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for February 2016.
- 7.3 Information Technology Reports
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Information Technology Department Report for February 2016.

8. **Committee Reports**

- 8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Beil, Huddleston, Sanchez)**
Trustee Huddleston advised that the committee met on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.
- 8.2 District Improvement Team Report **(Trustees Huddleston, Sanchez)**
None.
- 8.3 Provincial Council Report **(Trustee Horne)**
 - 8.3.1 February 19th Meeting
Trustee Horne advised that the Auditor General made a presentation on the work that they do and their support for board governance. There will not be a winter academy because the Learning Forward conference is taking place December 3 to 7. Provincial Council passed 5 motions at the meeting on February 19, 2016.

Trustee Huddleston advised that one province has pulled out from hosting the National convention, so BC has volunteered to host the event at Whistler.

The deadline for nominations for the BCSTA Board of Directions is next week.
- 8.4 Aboriginal Education Report **(Trustees Huddleston, Last)**
None.
- 8.5 Policy Committee Report **(Trustees Horne, Kuntz)**
 - 8.5.1 February 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Trustee Kuntz presented the minutes of the February 25, 2016 meeting of the committee.
 - 8.5.2 Policies for Review
 - 8.5.2.1 1115 – Board Authorized Courses Policy
 - 8.5.2.2 2340 – Release Time of Staff to Act as Resource
Personnel Policy
 - 8.5.2.3 6420 – School Improvement Plans Policy

Motion 20160308-8.5.2a

Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District
Horne No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Board Authorized Courses,
Release Time of Staff to Act as a Resource Personnel, and
School Improvement Plans Policies be sent to the district's
partner groups for their input."

Carried

Trustee Kuntz advised that the Policy Committee recommended that these three policies be sent to the district's partner groups for their input.

- 8.5.3 Policies for Approval
 - 8.5.3.1 2330 – Service Awards Policy
 - 8.5.3.2 5110 – Corporate Sponsorship and Access to Students Policy
 - 8.5.3.3 5120 – Naming Policy

Motion 20160308-8.5.3a

Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District
Horne No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Service Awards, Corporate
Sponsorship and Access to Students, and Naming Policies be
approved."

Carried

Trustee Kuntz advised that the Policy Committee recommended that these three policies be approved.

- 8.6 District Technology Committee Report **(Trustee Last)**
 - 8.6.1 February 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Trustee Last presented the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting.

9. Old Business

- 9.1 Trustee By-Election

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Huddlestone (Prince Rupert) that the Chair write a letter to the Mayor and
Council of the City of Prince Rupert asking for a meeting to
discuss the by-election."

Carried

The Chair reviewed the letter sent by the Board and the response received from the City a few days letter. The tone of the letter is difficult and contains some misconceptions. The letter suggests the district was adamant there be no delays; but in fact the district simply conveyed the timing set out in the school act. The suggestion that funds must be transferred in advance is also a contravention of the school act. The suggestion for the school district to run the election is not permitted by the school act.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Board could to offer to provide room space and support from executive assistants in the Board office to reduce the proposed budget. The Board could also elect to take no action. If the Board takes no action two things could happen. The City could proceed with the by-election, as authorized by the *School Act*, and bill the district. This could lead to a

dispute over the bill. If the city does not proceed with the by-election, the Minister of Education could elect to appoint a trustee.

Trustees had a lengthy discussion of the current situation and possible responses to the City.

10. **New Business**

None.

11. **Information Items**

- 11.1 Annual Budget Consultation, March 10, 2016
Chair Last invited everyone to attend the budget meeting on Thursday evening in the CHSS Multi-purpose Room at 7pm.
- 11.2 Celebrating Literacy, March 12, 2016, 11:00-2:30 at Rupert Square Shopping Centre.
Chair Last invited everyone to attend this annual event.
- 11.3 Special Open Board Meeting, re Calendar, March 15, 2016
Chair Last advised that the Board would consider the School Calendar at the special meeting next Tuesday in the CHSS library.
- 11.4 Spring Break March 21-29
Chair Last wished everyone a restful break during the annual Spring Break and Easter holidays.
- 11.5 Pro-D March 30 – School resumes March 31st.
- 11.6 BCSTA AGM, April 14-16, 2016
Chair Last asked all trustees to confirm their attendance and travel arrangements with the Board office.
- 11.7 CHSS Grad, May 27th, 2016
Chair Last asked trustees to mark their calendar for the graduation event.
- 11.8 Service Awards, June 6, 2016, Lester Centre
Chair Last advised that the service awards would be in the lobby of the Lester Centre this year.
- 11.9 PCS Grad, June 13, Lester Centre
Chair Last asked trustees to mark their calendar for the graduation event.

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

Q. March 30 is a curriculum implementation day, not a professional development day?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know there are a number of concerns with the approach taken to consultation on the school calendar?

A. Consultation has been broader than in previous years, but there is always room for improvement.

Q. What happens if there is no trustee by-election?

A. The Minister could appoint a trustee.

13. **Adjournment**

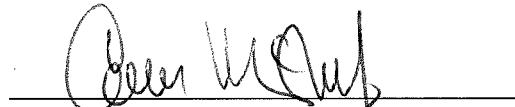
Motion 20160308-13.1a

Huddlestone "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No.
Horne 52 (Prince Rupert) that the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Carried



Tina Last, Chair



Cameron McIntyre, Secretary-Treasurer