

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 20151013-1.1

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 Hockey Academy, PRMS

The Superintendent introduced PRMS teacher Craig Munro, hockey coaches Rick Roemer and Gary Coons, Associate Principal Michele Cross-Pomponio and Education Assistant Kim Kiesman who assists in dryland training. Students Ashton Collins, Ferryn Collins, Kade Jones, Keely Kiesman, Avery Lorette, Marlee McDonald, Gavin McNeice and Luke Rabel assisted in preparing and giving presentations on their experiences in the program.

The program includes health and nutrition training. Students are required to volunteer for community activities. There is clear evidence that the Academy is prompting changes in the students, as they are now excited to go to school and are preparing healthy snacks and lunches for themselves.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting held September 15, 2015

Motion 20151013-3.1

Huddlestone "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Sanchez the minutes of the open Board meeting held September 15, 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 September 15, 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 20151013-4.1

Huddleston "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz 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 Curriculum Support Plan
 - 5.1.1.1 Ministry of Education, September 28, 2015

Motion 20151013-5.1.1

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

In response to questions, the Superintendent confirmed that discussions are underway with the teachers' union on how the additional 10 hours of time will be scheduled. Further information from the Ministry is expected.

- 5.2 Copied to the Board
 - 5.2.1 Thank you
 - 5.2.1.1 P. Denton, July 8, 2015

Motion 20151013-5.2.1.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Horne the Chair send a letter of acknowledgement to P. Denton and a letter to Candace Sampson acknowledging her good work." **Carried**

- 5.2.2 Welcome
 - 5.2.2.1 School District No. 91, August 6, 2015

Motion 20151013-5.2.2.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Sanchez the Chair send a letter welcoming the new Minister to his role and inviting him to visit the district." **Carried**

- 5.2.3 Section 149
 - 5.2.3.1 School District No. 27, September 1, 2015

Motion 20151013-5.2.3.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the letter from School District No. 27 be received and filed." **Carried**

- 5.2.4 Endorsement and Support
 - 5.2.4.1 School District No. 74, September 22, 2015

Motion 20151013-5.2.4.1

Huddleston "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Horne the Chair send a similar letter and that the Aboriginal Education Council be asked if they would like to jointly sign the letter." **Carried**

Trustees expressed an interest in hearing how the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report is being used in schools.

5.2.5 Select Standing Committees

5.2.5.1 BCSTA, September 16, 2015

5.2.5.2 School District No. 38, September 24, 2015

Motion 20151013-5.2.5.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the letters on the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be
received and filed." **Carried**

Trustees noted that the submission by BCSTA represented the interests of the district.

5.2.5.3 BCTF, September 30, 2015

Motion 20151013-5.2.5.2

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Sanchez the chair write a letter in support of youth mental health services to the Select Standing
Committee on Children and Youth." **Carried**

Trustees acknowledged the activities already underway in the district to support youth mental health issues and suggested the letter reflect these activities.

6. Superintendent of Schools' Report

6.1 For Board Information:

6.1.1 Field Trips

The Superintendent presented the Board with the list of field trips approved in October.

6.1.2 Enrolment

The Director, Human Resources advised that enrolment at September 30, 2015 was 2,160 students, an increase of 100 from the previous year. Kindergarten enrolment was 161, an increase from 148 the previous year.

6.1.3 Upcoming Learning Opportunities

The Superintendent advised Ministry speakers on the new curriculum are coming in November. Fiona Morrison is also coming in November. NOII/AESN will have a kick-off event.

Trustees expressed an interest in hearing from the Ministry speakers.

6.1.4 Learning Improvement Fund

The Superintendent advised how funds have been used for teachers and education assistants this year.

6.1.5 Board Authorized Course

Motion 20151013-6.1.5

Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Beil the Cosmetology course be approved." **Carried**

The Superintendent presented the course approval form for a Cosmetology course. The Superintendent confirmed that the course is attracting students to Pacific Coast School.

6.1.6 Admin Assistants, Team Leaders, Department Heads

Motion 20151013-6.1.6

Kutnz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Huddleston the list of Administrative Assistants, Team Leaders and Department Heads be approved
as presented." **Carried**

The Superintendent presented the list of Administrative Assistants, Team Leaders and Department Heads.

6.1.7 Organization of Classes

The Superintendent reported that average class sizes in the district in 2014 were considerably below the Provincial average. The average class sizes for 2015 are not yet available.

Trustees asked that a copy of the Organization of Classes summary be put in their mail boxes, including the 2015 information when it is available.

6.1.8 Bill 11

The Superintendent provided the Board with a summary of Bill 11 and the progress of its implementation.

Trustees discussed the need for Parent Advisory Councils to have further guidance to make changes to their bylaws now that School Planning Councils have been eliminated.

6.1.9 NWCC Academy

The Superintendent provided the Board of Education with a comparison of services offered by the NWCC Academy and services available in the school district.

6.1.10 Learning for a Sustainable Future

Motion 20151013-6.1.10

Kutnz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Huddleston the Chair write a letter to Hartley Bay School congratulating them on their award." **Carried**

The Superintendent offered her congratulations to Hartley Bay School and teacher Jeremy Janz for winning the 2015 Learning for a Sustainable Future Jack Layton Award for Youth Action in Sustainability.

Trustees expressed their interest in seeing a presentation on this project.

6.1.11 Other

The Superintendent spoke to the recent inquest into the deaths of Angie and Robert Robinson. Two employees were called to testify. They both spoke very well. The jury made a number of recommendations, none of which called for changes by the school district. This is a commendation of the work of district staff.

Motion 20151013-6.1.11.1

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Beil the Chair write a letter to CHSS staff acknowledging the good work they have been
doing." **Carried**

Motion 20151013-6.1.11.2

Huddleston "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Beil the Chair write a letter to the Minister of Children and Families seeking more support
for students in the district to minimize the risk of future tragedies." **Carried**

Trustees requested the letter be copied to the usual parties, as well as the Provincial
Children's Advocate.

The Superintendent highlighted other recent activities in the district.

7. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

7.1 Expenditure Statement

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Expenditure Statement for September 2015.

7.2 Operations Department Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for September
2015

7.3 Information Technology Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Information Technology Report for September
2015

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance & Building Committee

(Trustees Beil, Huddleston, Sanchez)

8.1.1 Approval of Auditors

Motion 20151013-8.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Huddleston the Board of Education appoint Carlyle, Shepherd & Co. as auditors for the year ended
June 30, 2016." **Carried**

Trustee Beil advised that the Finance & Building Committee recommended the
Board of Education approve the appointment of Carlyle, Shepherd & Co. as
auditors for the year ended June 30, 2016.

8.2 District Improvement Team Report

(Trustees Kuntz, Sanchez)

Trustee Kuntz noted that the district is waiting for Ministry direction for the new
accountability framework, and then the team will meet to review it.

8.3 Provincial Council Report

(Trustee Huddleston)

8.3.1 October BCSTA Provincial Council Issues Forum

Trustee Huddleston received trustees' input on the issues listed by BCSTA.

8.4 Aboriginal Education Report (Trustees Huddlestone, Horne)
The Aboriginal Education Council will meet tomorrow. Trustee Horne will be in attendance.

8.5 Policy Committee Report (Trustees Horne, Kuntz)
8.5.1 October 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Trustee Horne presented the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting on October 1, 2015.

8.5.2 Policy for Review
8.5.2.1 Student Support Policy

Motion 201 51013-8.5.2

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

Carried

Trustee Horne advised that the Policy Committee recommended the Board of Education send the Student Support Policy to partner groups for their comments.

8.6 District Technology Committee Report (Trustee Last)
8.6.1 September 23, 2015 Minutes
Trustee Last presented the minutes of the District Technology Committee meeting on September 23, 2015.

9. Old Business

9.1 Joint Trustee Branch Meeting, September 25 – 26, 2015
Chair Last reported on the BCSTA Northwest Trustee Branch meeting hosted in Prince Rupert and thanked staff for their organization of the event.

10. New Business

10.1 None.

11. Information Items

11.1 Ministry Meeting, October 21, 2015
Chair Last advised that she would be accompanied by the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer at this meeting.

11.2 BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting, October 22, 2015
Chair Last advised that she would attend this meeting.

11.3 BCPSEA Symposium, October 22 & 23, 2015
Chair Last advised that Trustee Huddlestone would attend part of this meeting, prior to her attendance at the Provincial Council Education Committee Meeting, and that Trustee Sanchez, the Board's alternate representative, would also attend the meeting.

11.4 BCSTA Academy, November 26 -28, 2015
Chair Last reminded trustees that the Academy was earlier than in prior years and encouraged them to confirm their attendance with Board Office staff.

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

Q. Should the letter to Hartley Bay also be sent to teacher Jeremy Janz.

A. It will be copied to him

Q. Do school busses have external cameras to record vehicles who do not stop for the bus stop signs?

A. The busses are operated by a contractor and that would be their decision to make.

13. **Adjournment**

Condolences were offered to School District No. 82 on the passing of trustee Gary Turner.

Motion 20151013-13.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that
Kuntz the meeting be adjourned at 8:47 pm." **Carried**



Tina Last, Chair



Cameron McIntyre, Secretary-Treasurer