

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

**M I N U T E S**

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.**

Trustees Present: J. Horne, K. Toye, J. Beil, B. Kuntz, T. Last, K. Maier, L. Sanchez

Staff Present: I. LaPierre, C. McIntyre, A. Samoil

Regrets: I. Larocque

Chair Horne acknowledge that the meeting is being held on tradition Ts'msyen territory and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 20200211-1.0a**

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

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

**Carried**

**2. Presentation(s):**

**2.1 Roosevelt school cedar program**

The Superintendent introduced Ecole Roosevelt Park teacher Maggie Rebalski and Vice-Principal James Zlatanov. Ms. Rebalski outlined the Cedar Merits Program which began with the primary collaboration team, and is now a NOII inquiry project.

The program is based on a book, "The Six Cedar Trees." After consultation with the Aboriginal Education Department they discovered this book is not an authentic Indigenous resource to be used, so the book itself is not part of this program.

The Cedar Merits Program ties to the core competencies of the BC curriculum and focusses on positive reinforcement for behaviour. Each time a student demonstrates a core competency a slip of paper is put into a monthly draw box. 5 names are drawn each month.

In addition, three students from each class are recognized at the school assembly for a competency that they have demonstrated in the classroom.

Students are learning what the competency words mean, and are responding with noticeably increased engagement and pride.

The next step is to track progress of the program.

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

3.1 Open Board Meeting held January 14, 2020

**Motion 20200211-3.1a**

Toye "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Maier (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meeting held  
January 14, 2020 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 Meetings held January 14, 2020
- 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 20200211-4a**

Toye "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Maier (Prince Rupert) that the 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 Letter from Dane Waldal

**Motion 20200211-5.1.1a**

Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Maier (Prince Rupert) that the district support the wrestling club partnering  
with the municipality."

**Carried**

Trustees discussed the value of sharing the mats, so that there are more recreational opportunities in the community. Staff concerns were presented and discussed. The City would need to be responsible for any costs associated with their use of the mats.

- 5.1.2 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Letter

**Motion 20200211-5.1.2a**

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Last (Prince Rupert) that the letter from the Ministry of Transportation  
and Infrastructure be received and filed."

**Carried**

- 5.1.3 51 Letters from French Immersion Parents/Other Adults
- 5.1.4 32 Letters from French Immersion Students

**Motion 20200211-5.1.3a**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Kuntz (Prince Rupert) that the correspondence from the French Immersion  
Parents/Other Adults be received and filed with discussion."

**Carried**

Trustees acknowledged the passion French Immersion parents have for the French Immersion program, and the need for regular communication from the district.

The Superintendent noted that the district continues to actively recruit, but it is a challenge as there is a National shortage of French Immersion teachers. The Superintendent will meet with Canadian Parents for French on February 27, 2020.

- 5.2 Copied to the Board  
School District No. 19 – BC Ministry of Health – Vapour Product Intention  
Feedback Letter

**Motion 20200211-5.2.1a**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Last (Prince Rupert) that letter from School District No. 19 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 and answered questions from trustees.

6.1.2 Enrolment

The Director of Instruction reported that enrolment was 1,947, an increase of 3 students.

6.1.3 Survey Approval

**Motion 20200211-6.1.3a**

Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Kuntz (Prince Rupert) that the survey by the University of the Fraser Valley  
be approved and the district request the results of the survey."

**Carried**

The Superintendent presented a request from the University of the Fraser Valley for a survey of students, parents, teachers and counsellors regarding online behaviour and use of social media.

6.1.4 Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report – Annual Growth Plan

The Superintendent introduced the Truth and Reconciliation Coordinator, Lori Burger, who presented the draft Aboriginal Education Partnership Agreement Annual Report – Annual Growth Plan and answered questions from trustees. Roberta Edzerza, the District Principal, Aboriginal Education, sent her regrets.

6.1.5 Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent presented the Superintendent's update to the Board of Education. Schools are reviewing data from the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning student surveys to identify where growth is happening.

Monique Gray Smith is leading the Curriculum Implementation Day on February 14, 2020. The morning session at the Lester Centre is open to the public.

- 6.1.6 Upcoming projects/other  
The Superintendent showed a short video of a song written and sung by French Immersion students at École Roosevelt Park Community School. The students were led by musician Will Stroet.

7. **Secretary-Treasurer’s Report**

- 7.1 Expenditure Statement  
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Expenditure Statement for January 2020 and answered questions from Trustees.
- 7.2 Information Technology Report  
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Information Technology Department Report for January 2020 and answered questions from trustees.
- 7.3 Operations Department Report  
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for January 2020 and answered questions from trustees.

8. **Committee Reports**

- 8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Toye, Beil, Kuntz)**
  - 8.1.1 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

<b>Motion 20200211-8.1.1a</b>	
Last	“Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No.
Kuntz	52 (Prince Rupert) that all three readings of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020 be read at the same meeting.”
	<b><u>Carried</u></b> <b><u>Unanimously</u></b>

**AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW**

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2019/2020 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2019/2020 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$33,261,695 for the 2019/2020 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2019/2020.

**Motion 20200211-8.1.1b**

Toye "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year  
2019/2020 be read a first time the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020."

**Carried**

**Motion 20200211-8.1.1c**

Toye "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year  
2019/2020 be read a second time the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020."

**Carried**

**Motion 20200211-8.1.1d**

Toye "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Kuntz (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year  
2019/2020 be read a third time, passed and adopted the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, 2020."

**Carried**

The Secretary-Treasurer outlined the changes from the Annual Budget to the Amended Annual Budget and answered questions from trustees.

8.1.2 PRMS Replacement – Open House

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that an open house will be held at Prince Rupert Middle School on Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to gather input on potential locations for the replacement of the middle school. The Seismic Program selects the lowest cost option, but it is important that public opinion on the options is gathered and presented to the Ministry of Education.

- 8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (Trustees Horne, Sanchez)  
None.
- 8.3 Provincial Council (Trustees Maier, Sanchez)  
8.3.1 February 21 & 22, 2020 meeting  
Trustee Maier received comments from trustees on the motion coming to the Provincial Council meeting.
- 8.4 Aboriginal Education Council (Trustees Toye, Last)  
8.4.1 February 5, 2020  
Trustee Toye stated that the Aboriginal Education Council reviewed the Annual Growth Plan that was presented earlier in the meeting.
- 8.5 Policy Committee (Trustees Horne, Sanchez)  
8.5.1 February 3, 2020 meeting.  
Trustee Sanchez presented the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting of the Policy Committee.

8.5.2 Policies for Review

8.5.2.1 3210 – Energy Conservation and Environmental Stewardship Policy

8.5.2.2 3220 – Buildings and Ground Projects Policy

**Motion 20200211-8.5.2a**

Sanchez "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Last (Prince Rupert) that the district send the Energy Conservation and Environmental Stewardship, and Buildings and Grounds Projects policies to the district's partner groups for their comments."

**Carried**

Trustee Sanchez advised that the Policy Committee recommended these two policies be sent to the district's partner groups for their comment.

8.5.3 Policies for Approval

8.5.3.1 1220 – International Students Policy

8.5.3.2 3350 – Acceptable Use of Technology Policy

8.5.3.3 3410 – Security and Protection of Buildings Policy

8.5.3.4 3420 – Video Surveillance Policy

**Motion 20200211-8.5.3a**

Sanchez "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Last (Prince Rupert) that the International Students, Acceptable Use of Technology, Security and Protection of Buildings, and Video Surveillance Policies be approved as presented."

**Carried**

Trustee Sanchez advised that the Policy Committee recommended these four policies be approved.

8.6 District Technology Steering Committee  
None.

**(Trustee Kuntz)**

9. **Old Business**

9.1 FNEC Meeting January 23, 2020

Chair Horne and Trustee Toyne reported on their attendance at the FNEC meeting on January 23, 2020. Kaleb Child from the Ministry of Education was a presenter at the meeting.

9.2 BCPSEA AGM January 30-31, 2020

Trustee Kuntz reported on his attendance at the BCPSEA AGM on January 30 and 31, 2020.

10. **New Business**

None.

11. **Information Items**

11.1 All-Native Basketball Tournament, February 9-16, 2020

Chair Horne expressed his hope that all of the participants in the All-Native Basketball Tournament would play well in the competition.

11.2 Non-Instructional Day (CHSS & PCS), February 13, 2020

Chair Horne noted the Non-Instructional day for the secondary schools on February 13, 2020.

- 11.3 Curriculum Implementation Day (Indigenous focus), February 14, 2020  
Chair Horne noted the Curriculum Implementation Day with an Indigenous focus on February 14, 2020.
- 11.4 Family Day, February 17, 2020  
Chair Horne noted the Provincial Family Day holiday on February 17, 2020.
- 11.5 Annual Budget Consultation, February 18, 2020  
Chair Horne noted the next ABC meeting on February 18, 2020.
- 11.6 Provincial Council Feb 21. 22. 2020  
Chair Horne noted the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting on February 21 and 22, 2020 and advised that trustee Maier would represent the district.
- 11.7 Breakfast Club Official Opening, February 25, 2020  
Chair Horne noted the official opening of the new Breakfast Club program would take place at Prince Rupert Middle School.
- 11.8 PRMS Seismic Project Open House, February 27, 2020  
Chair Horne noted the date for the PRMS Seismic Project Open House and invited everyone to come out.
- 11.9 BCSTA Training Day, March 2, 2020  
Chair Horne noted the date of the BCSTA training day, taking place here in Prince Rupert.
- 11.10 Board meeting, March 10, 2020  
Chair Horne noted the date of the next meeting of the Board of Education.
- 11.11 Spring Break, March 16 – 27, 2020  
Chair Horne noted the dates for the upcoming two-week Spring Break.

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

- Q. Did you know that BCTF has a training program for teachers interested in the French Immersion Program?
- A. That's good to know.
- Q. Did you know that upcoming field trips will include the wrestling team, senior girls basketball, and junior and senior Boys basketball teams going to Provincials?
- A. Thank you, and congratulations to those teams.
- Q. Are you reaching out to graduated French Immersion students who are continuing their education in town? Are high school French Immersion students encouraged to become French Immersion teachers? Could the district partner with the college for training? Is the district looking at International recruitment? Are the videos available through Prince Rupert tourism being used for recruitment?
- A. Thank you.

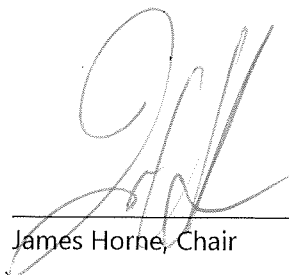
- Q. In order to ensure that French Immersion students receive appropriate instruction in French, have you thought outside the box to bring in more teachers? We appreciate what you are doing.
- A. Thank you.
- Q. Is the increase in substitute teacher costs related to teachers taking more time off to cope with their workload?
- A. Thank you.
- Q. What is the International student rate- what are they charged?
- A. The fee is based on district policy.
- Q. With the lack of French instruction, some students have fallen behind. What is the Board planning to do to catch students up and to prevent this from happening in the future?
- A. The district plan is to continue to recruit.
- Q. In the short-term, could the district reach out to AFFNO?
- A. The Superintendent will follow up.
- Q. Did you know there are 1,000 teachers missing class across the Province each day? Are there letters going to the Provincial government for assistance?
- A. The BCSTA Northwest and Interior branches submitted a joint letter.
- Q. Has the school board looked at a retired teacher in Haida Gwaii to help in the short-term?
- A. The Superintendent will follow up.
- Q. Could students do both French and Sm'algyax?
- A. It might be possible at CHSS, scheduling could be an issue. It is not possible at elementary.

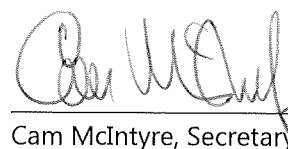
13. **Adjournment**

**Motion 20200114-13.1a**

Last KuntZ "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the meeting be adjourned at 8:53 p.m."

**Carried**

  
James Horne, Chair

  
Cam McIntyre, Secretary-Treasurer