

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

M I N U T E S

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD REMOTELY BY ZOOM
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

Staff Present: A. Samoil, C. McIntyre, S. Pond

Regrets: S. Jones, I. Larocque

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 20201013-1.0a

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

Carried

2. Presentation(s): CHSS Octa System presented by Carla Rourke

The Superintendent introduced Carla Rourke, the principal of Charles Hays Secondary School and vice-principals James Zlatanov and Aja Lihou.

Principal Rourke explained the Octa System timetable and the reasons it was selected. Examples of student activities that were made possible by day-long classes were provided. Student and family feedback has been positive.

Trustees expressed their appreciation for the presentation.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the

3.1 Open Board Meetings held September 15 & 24, 2020

Motion 20201013-3.1a

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Last (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meetings held
September 15 & 24, 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 Meeting held September 15, 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 20201013-4.0a

Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (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
Chair Horne advised that a letter with respect to the cancelled trip to India will come to next meeting.
- 5.2 Copied to the Board
 - 5.2.1 Funding Online Learning Options Letter
 - 5.2.2 Funding Online Learning Options Letter (2)

Motion 20201013-5.2.1a

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Last (Prince Rupert) that the letters from School Districts Nos. 43 and 61 be
received and filed."

Carried

5.2.3 Cancellation of FSA Letter

Motion 20201013-5.2.3a

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Last (Prince Rupert) that Board support the postponement of the FSA."

Carried

Trustees reiterated their disappointment with the school ranking that is published from FSA findings, and supported the postponement of the tests this year.

6. Superintendent of Schools' Report

- 6.1 For Board Information:
 - 6.1.1 Field Trips
The Superintendent presented the list of field trips and answered questions from trustees.
 - 6.1.2 Enrolment
The Director of Instruction reported 96% of students returning to classrooms, compared to the Provincial average of 85%. 31 students are being home schooled. 29 students are in the Connect program, with 3 teachers supporting them. Schools are still working to bring the last 2% of students back into the classroom.
 - 6.1.3 Implementation Day
The Superintendent described the workshops presented by Lleyton Schnellert on September 28, the district's Implementation Day, with a theme of "Inclusive Approaches to Teaching that Nurture Learning". Half-day workshops were provided to Grade 4-8 teachers, and Grade 9-12 teachers. These approaches can improve student attachment to their schools.

K-3 teachers had presentations on literacy, numeracy and Indigenous Education.

- 6.1.4 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other
The Superintendent provided an update on the district’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

October 23 is the next Professional Development day, with local workshops and Provincial online conferences.

A Reconciliation and Resource gathering will take place this Thursday.

7. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

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

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Toye, Beil, Kuntz)**
None.
- 8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**
None.
- 8.3 Provincial Council **(Trustees Maier, Sanchez)**
A Zoom meeting is coming up on October 24, 2020.
- 8.4 Indigenous Education Council **(Trustees Toye, Last)**
None.
- 8.5 Policy Committee **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**
 - 8.5.1 October 5, 2020 meeting.
Trustee Sanchez presented the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting of the Policy Committee.
 - 8.5.2 Policies for Approval
 - 8.5.2.1 6130 – Role of the Board Policy
 - 8.5.2.2 6140 – Role of the Trustee and Trustee Code of Conduct Policy

Motion 20201013-8.5.2a
 Sanchez Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that 6130 – Role of the Board Policy and 6140 – Role of the Trustee and Trustee Code of Conduct Policy be approved." **Carried**

Trustee Sanchez advised that the Policy Committee recommended these two policies be approved by the Board.

- 8.5.3 Policy for Review (Trustee Kuntz)
- 8.5.3.1 1440 – Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- 8.5.3.2 2360 – Employee Conduct and Political Activities Policy

Motion 20201013-8.5.3a
 Sanchez Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that 1440 – Diversity and Inclusion Policy and 2360 – Employee Conduct and Political Activities Policy be sent to the district's partner groups for their review and comments." **Carried**

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

- 8.5.4 Other
- None.

- 8.6 District Technology Steering Committee (Trustee Kuntz)
- None.

9. **Old Business**
 None.

10. **New Business**
 None.

11. **Information Items**

- 11.1 NW Branch Meeting - Cancelled
 Chair Horne noted the NW Branch Meeting is cancelled.
- 11.2 BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs, October 15, 2020 (virtual)
 Chair Horne will attend the virtual BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs on October 15, 2020,
- 11.3 BCSTA MOE Joint Liaison Meeting, October 16 & 30, 2020 (Virtual) – POST PONED
 Chair Horne advised that the virtual BCSTA MOE Joint Liaison Meeting on October 16 & 30, 2020 has been postponed.
- 11.4 Provincial Council, October 23 & 24, 2020 (Virtual)
 Chair Horne noted that Trustee Maier will attend the virtual Provincial Council on October 23 & 24, 2020 on behalf of the Board.
- 11.5 BCPSEA Symposium, Nov 2 & 3, 2020 (cancelled)
 Chair Horne noted that the BCPSEA Symposium on Nov 2 & 3, 2020 has been cancelled.
- 11.6 Board Meetings November 3 & 10, 2020
 Chair Horne advised that the next virtual board meetings are on November 3 & 10, 2020.
- 11.7 BCSTA Trustee Academy, November 27-28, 2020 (Virtual)
 Chair Horne noted the virtual BCSTA Trustee Academy is scheduled for, November 27-28, 2020.

11.8 Winter Break, Dec 21, 2020 – Jan 1, 2021
Chair Horne pointed out the Winter Break, Dec 21, 2020-Jan 1, 2021

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

- Q. Is it true that Northern Health will advise a school employee to return to work, when they would advise other employees to stay home?
- A. That is a question for Northern Health.
- Q. What are the challenges presented by the Octa system timetable?
- A. Trustees have taken great care to learn (remotely) what is happening in district schools.

13. **Adjournment**

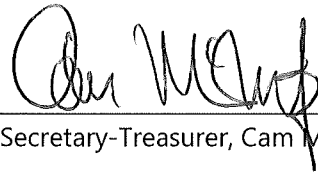
Motion 20201013-13.0a

Last Kuntz "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m."

Carried



Board Chair, James Horne



Secretary-Treasurer, Cam McIntyre