

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM**

**Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 5:00 P.M**

**Trustees Present:** J. Horne, K. Toye, J. Beil, K. Maier, L. Sanchez  
**Staff Present:** A. Samoil, C. McIntyre, S. Pond  
**Guest Present:** J. Pemberton, Northern Health  
**Absent:** T. Last  
**Regrets:** B. Kuntz, S. Jones, I. Larocque

Chair Horne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and acknowledged the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory. Trustee Kuntz sent his regrets. Special guest Julia Pemberton, Health Services Administrator from Northern Health, was welcomed to the meeting.

1. Waiver of Notice and Agenda

**Motion IC20210121-1.0a**

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	
Maier	(Prince Rupert) that notice and agenda be waived."	<b>Carried</b>

2. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion IC20210121-2.0a**

Toye	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	
Maier	(Prince Rupert) that the agenda be approved as presented."	<b>Carried</b>

3. Superintendent's Report

3.1 CCOVID-19 Update

The Superintendent provided an update on the district's response to the recent exposure notices from Northern Health.

The Superintendent and the Health Services Administrator from Northern

4. 10 Minute Question and Answer Period

Q Did Northern Health indicate that kids don't have it often, and don't transmit as often, and don't get as sick?

A The rate of transmission for children is very low, and most children have it less severely.

Q Could students take it to their grandparents?

A It is always possible.

Q Was the case identified today linked to the prior exposures?

A The school district is not provided that information. The medical health officer would only share that information with local health staff if they are concerned there was a linked, rapid spread.

Q Are there any consequences if a teacher brings it into the school?

A There is no provision to discipline or punish employees for contracting a virus.

The Chair offered his thanks to Ms. Pemberton for attending the meeting, and suggested another meeting may be held next week.

5. Adjournment

**Motion IC20210121-5.0**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Toye (Prince Rupert) that the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 p.m."

**Carried**



Board Chair, James Horne



Secretary-Treasurer, Cam McIntyre