

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD REMOTELY BY ZOOM
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Chair Toye acknowledged that the meeting is being held on tradition Ts'msyen territory and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 2022118-1.0a

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

2. **Presentation(s):** Lax Kxeen Elementary Literacy Program - Erin Trask, Susan Kobza
The Superintendent introduced Teacher Erin Trask and Principal Susan Kobza to present on the Literacy Program at Lax Kxeen Elementary School. This program teaches students to "decode" letters and words, and enables students to confidently learn new words with their decoding skills. Trustees expressed their hope that this method of instruction can be shared with other primary teachers.

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

3.1 Open Board Meeting held December 14, 2021.

Motion 2022118-3.1a

Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Kuntz (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meeting held
December 14, 2021 be approved as presented." **Carried**

4. **Necessity of Closed Meetings and Agenda**

- 4.1 Approval of Agenda
- 4.2 Approval of Minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held December 14, 2021.
- 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 2022118-4.0a

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Last (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
None

5.2 Copied to the Board

5.2.1 Jennifer Whiteside letter to Stephanie Higginson re: climate literacy

Motion 2022118-5.2.1a

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

Carried

5.2.2 BCSTA letter to the Local Government Election's Technical Advisory
Committee re: representative

Motion 2022118-5.2.2a

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

Carried

5.2.3 Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training Letter to BCSTA re:
request to increase intake of education students

Motion 20212118-5.2.3a

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the letter from the Minister of Advanced Education
and Skills Training be received and filed."

Carried

5.2.4 BCSTA letter to Minister of Education re: Increased funding for the Annual
Facilities Grant.

Motion 20212118-5.2.4a

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

Carried

5.2.5 BCSTA letter to SD 20: re: Travel to BCSTA events

Motion 20212118-5.2.5a

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

Carried

5.2.6 BCTF letter to Minister of Education re: designated trustee seats for
Indigenous persons

Motion 20212118-5.2.6a

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

Defeated

Trustees discussed the benefits and disadvantages of having a designated
Indigenous trustee on the Board of Education.

Motion 20212118-5.2.6b

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the Chair write a letter of support to the Minister
of Education."

Defeated

Trustees discussed whether or not a letter to the Minister of Education was
the best response to this letter.

Motion 20212118-5.2.6c

Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Kuntz (Prince Rupert) that the letter from BCTF be tabled." **Carried**

5.2.7 BCSTA letter to Scott MacDonald re: Thank you and Congratulations

5.2.8 BCSTA letter to Christina Zacharuk re: Congratulations

Motion 20212118-5.2.7a

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Maier (Prince Rupert) that the letters from BCSTA in 5.2.7 and 5.2.8 be
received and filed." **Carried**

5.2.9 SD No. 57 letter to Minister of Education re: Invitation to meet

Motion 20212118-5.2.9a

Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Kuntz (Prince Rupert) that the letter from School District No. 57 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 of Instruction reported that the student count at December 31, 2021, was 1,840 students, a decrease of 12 students who moved out of the district. There have been a number of new registrations in January.

The Director of Instruction also provided data on student attendance in the return from the Winter Break, compared with 2021, as follows:

	<u>January 10,</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>January 10-14,</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>January 4-15,</u> <u>2021</u>
Elementary	71%	73%	83%
Middle & Secondary	80%	78%	82%

6.1.3 Calendar

Motion 20212118-6.1.3a

Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the proposed school calendars be sent to the
district's partner groups for consultation." **Carried**

The Superintendent presented school calendar options for the next 3 years and answered questions from trustees.

6.1.4 COVID update

The Superintendent presented the COVID-19 update and answered questions from trustees.

- 6.1.5 Strategic Plan Update
The Superintendent presented the Strategic Plan Update and answered questions from trustees.
- 6.1.6 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other
The Superintendent noted the Professional Development Day this Friday, at all schools except for CHSS and PCS. Nancy Young will present on literacy and the science of reading.

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

- 7.1 November and December 2021 Expenditure Reports
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the November and December 2021 Expenditure Reports and answered questions from trustees.
- 7.2 Operations Department Report
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for December 2021 and answered questions from trustees.

Trustees expressed their thanks to the district crews who worked very hard to remove snow from district properties in the last month.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that a new Manager, Information Technology started work on Monday. The district is pleased to welcome Mr. Dinesh Gautam to this role.

8. **Committee Reports**

- 8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Beil, Maier, Sanchez)**
None.
- 8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (Trustees Horne, Sanchez)
None.
- 8.3 Provincial Council (Trustees Maier, Sanchez)
 - 8.3.1 February 12, 2022 meeting
Trustee Maier advised that she will attend the online meeting on Saturday, February 12, 2022.
 - 8.3.2 Deadline for BCSTA AGM Motions – February 20, 2022
Trustee Maier reminded trustees of the deadline for motions to the BCSTA AGM.
- 8.4 Indigenous Education Council (Trustees Toye, Last)
None.
- 8.5 Policy Committee (Trustees Beil, Horne)
 - 8.5.1 January 11, 2022 meeting
Trustee Beil presented the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting of the Policy Committee.
 - 8.5.2 Policies for Approval
None

8.5.3 Policies for Review
8.5.3.1 3510 – School Closures Policy

Motion 2022118-8.5.2.1a

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that 3510 – School Closures Policy be sent to partner
groups for their review."

Carried

8.5.3.2 4110 – Emergency Preparedness Policy

Motion 2022118-8.5.2.2a

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that 4110 – Emergency Preparedness Policy be sent
to partner groups for their review."

Carried

Trustee Beil advised that the Policy Committee recommended the Board
send these 2 policies to the district's partner groups for their review.

8.6 District Technology Steering Committee (Trustee Kuntz)
Trustee Kuntz advised that the next meeting is on Thursday.

9. **Old Business**

None.

10. **New Business**

None.

11. **Information Items**

- 11.1 NID Elementary, Middle School, January 21, 2022
Chair Toye noted that the Non-Instructional Day for Elementary schools and the
Middle school is on January 21, 2022.
- 11.2 BCPSEA AGM, Online, January 27-28, 2022
Chair Toye noted that the BCPSEA AGM will be held virtually on January 27-28,
2022.
- 11.3 ABC Meeting #1, Online, January 31, 2022 (Public Information meeting and Talking
Circle Consultation)
Chair Toye noted that ABC meeting #1 will be held virtually on January 31, 2022.
Registration is available on the district website.
- 11.4 Provincial Council Meeting, Online, February 12, 2022
Chair Toye noted that the Provincial council meeting will be held virtually on
February 12, 2022.
- 11.5 Board meeting, February 15, 2022
Chair Toye noted that the next Board meeting will be held on February 15, 2022.
- 11.6 NID Secondary, February 18, 2022
Chair Toye noted that the Non-Instructional Day for secondary schools will be on
February 18, 2022.

11.7 Family Day Statutory Holiday, February 21, 2022
Chair Toye noted that the Family Day Statutory Holiday will be on February 21, 2022.

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

Q Will the Board question the Ministry on their intention in requiring reporting of vaccination status?


A Thank you. The Provinces response to the Pandemic continues to change rapidly.

13. **Adjournment**

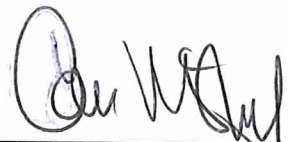
Motion 20221218-13.0a

Last "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Kuntz (Prince Rupert) that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m."

Carried



Board Chair, Kate Toye



Secretary-Treasurer, Cam McIntyre