

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM
Monday, December 18, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Trustees Present: J. Beil, D. Dalton, J. Horne, K. Maier, M. Pucci, K. Toye, L. Sanchez

Staff Present: S. Pond, G. Slykhuis, M. Cross, A. Samoil, T. Dickens, A. Michaud, N. Halward

Regrets: B. Verissimo

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

Motion 20231218

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Maier (Prince Rupert) that Gerry Slykhuis be appointed as Acting Secretary-
Treasurer."

Carried

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 20231218-1.0a

Dalton "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Maier (Prince Rupert) that the Agenda is approved as presented."

Carried

2. **Presentation(s):**

The Acting Superintendent introduced Andrée Michaud from Pineridge Elementary to present on the Breakfast Program along with our Feeding Futures Coordinator, Nadia Halward. They discussed the importance of food security and how food insecurity has been linked to many different learning difficulties among children. Pineridge partnered with Breakfast club of Canada and the Port of Prince Rupert. The Port of Prince Rupert comes to the schools to serve a pancake breakfast each year. Pineridge school received donations from the Loyal Order of the Moose and City Furniture toward the new breakfast room. The Rotary club donates apples every week to the schools. BC Fruit & Veggie program supplies them with fruit, veggies and milk 2 times per month. Pineridge PAC sponsored a pizza lunch for all students as well as 2 free popcorn days. Ms. Michaud showed new breakfast room photos as children deserve a nice environment that is welcoming each day. Testimonials from students and how much they are enjoying the breakfast program were presented. This reflects what's been happening at every school in the District.

Trustees thanked Ms. Michaud for her presentation and commended her on the progress happening at this School for this program. There are approx. 25 students who take advantage of this program. The entire child care also participates.

Motion 20231218-2.0a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the Board write individual letters of thanks to all of
the contributors."

Carried

Ms. Halward is working to enhance this program. She will look at the economies of scale so we may be able to provide more breakfasts and hot lunches. She has been helpful to the schools for nutritional advise for the kids.

Chair Toye acknowledged all partners in this process and thanked them.

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

3.1 Open Board Meeting held November 20, 2023

Motion 20231218-3.1

Dalton "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
November 20, 2023 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 November 20, 2023.
- 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 20231218-4.0a

Maier "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
None

5.2 Copied to the Board

- 5.2.1 November 21, 2023 letter from BCSTA to Minister Singh re: Support for Youth Mental Health
- 5.2.2 November 21, 2023 letter from Christina Zacharuk to BCSTA re: MOU between MOE and BCSTA of November 30, 2018
- 5.2.3 November 21, 2023 letter from Christina Zacharuk to BCSTA re: Extending the Ministry of Education and BCSTA MOU
- 5.2.4 December 4, 2023 letter from Carolyn Broady to Rohan Arul-pragasam re: letter of congratulations
- 5.2.5 December 4, 2023 letter from BCSTA to Teresa Downs re: letter of thanks

Motion 20231218-5.2.1

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the letter 5.2.1 to 5.2.5 be received and filed."

Carried

6. **Superintendent of Schools Report**

6.1 For Board Information:

6.1.1 Field Trips

The Acting Superintendent presented the list of approved field trips and answered questions from Trustees.

6.1.2 Enrolment

The Director of Instruction reported that enrolment is at 1838 November 30, 2023. Trustees appreciated the graph presented.

6.1.3 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other

The Acting Superintendent shared that with the new reporting order there was a lot of work for staff to prepare how to work with that. FESL is a cycle and provincial assessments are one of the components of that. This acts as a snapshot for what we need to work on with students. 67% of Grade 4 and 60% of Grade 7 students wrote the FSAs this fall. Students will write the Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments in January 2024.

Teachers are connecting learning to the greater community by designing and planning interesting learning experiences for students. Some examples are the guudisk (harvesting lesson Mr. Clifton shared with the Sm'algyax 11 and 12 students), Butze rapids trail hikes and many elementary schools are taking gymnastics.

Staff made plans for Halilikluugit – the month of feasting for family nights, concerts and theme days.

Trustees questioned about the percentage of students not writing the assessments. There are many factors, but some were absent or school excused and others were parent excused. Interested in comparing parent excused numbers with provincial data.

Before and afterschool care full at Roosevelt and Lax Kxeen, 13 students at Pineridge and 9 students at Conrad.

We Currently have 12 students registered for ECE Dual Credit Courses from CHSS and Hartley Bay. We are in the process of recruiting from PCS, Nisga'a, Lach Klan and Lax Kwa'laams. The courses are running from January 31 to May 29, 2024 using both hybrid and face to face instruction. We have 4 students who have completed the ECE Assistant course work last year who are applying for certificates to work in child care centres in Prince Rupert.

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

7.1 November 2023 Expenditures Report

The Appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the November 2023 Expenditures Report and answered questions from Trustees.

7.2 November 2023 Operations Department Report

The Director of Operations presented the Operations Department Report for November 2023 and answered questions from Trustees.

7.3 November 2023 Information Technology Department Report
 The Superintendent presented the Information Technology Department Report for November 2023 and answered questions from Trustees. Trustee Horne would like to thank IT for the security measures that have been taken for our District.

8. **Committee Reports**

8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Beil, Maier, Pucci)**
 Trustees are relieved that we are coming out of funding protection with the enrolment numbers. They are concerned that we may not see much growth with our overall numbers.

8.1.1 Annual Budget Consultation Meeting Dates
 No concerns about dates presented.

8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**
 Have not met

8.3 Provincial Council **(Trustees Maier, Pucci)**
 Have not met

8.4 Indigenous Education Council **(Trustees Toye, Sanchez)**
 Have not met since October

8.5 Policy Committee **(Trustees Horne, Toye)**

8.5.1 December 11, 2023 meeting
 Trustee Horne presented the minutes of the December 11, 2023 meeting of the Policy Committee.

8.5.2 Policies for Approval
 8.5.2.1 1220 – International Students Policy
 8.5.2.2 1110 – Learning Resources Policy

Motion 20231218-8.5.2

Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that 1220 – International Students Policy, 1110 – Learning Resources Policy be approved as amended."	Carried
Beil		

8.5.3 Policies for Review
 8.5.3.1 6140 – Role of the Trustee and Trustee Code of Conduct Policy

Motion 20231218-8.5.3.1a

Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) to send 6140 – Role of the Trustee and Trustee Code of Conduct policy to the district's partner groups to review."	Carried
Beil		

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8.5.4 Policy for Discussion/Consideration
 8.5.4.1 7110 – Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance Policy
 Questions to be put out to board with expectation to provide input. This policy hasn't been altered since at least 2012. Weren't

able to find another board set up like ours with remunerations. We currently work off the average of the North. Should look at another way of doing this. Expectation to take time off work with no pay is a bit of an elitist proposition. Need to consider the cost of transportation and tips. Who signs off on trustees' expenses is also not in the policy.

- 8.6 District Technology Steering Committee
Has not met

- 9. **Old Business**
None

- 10. **New Business**
 - 10.1 Board Meeting Schedule Change

Motion 20231218-10.1a

Maier	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) to temporarily extend meetings to the third Monday of the month until the April board meeting."
Beil	

Carried

- 11. **Information Items:**

- 11.1 Christmas Break, December 25, 2023 to January 5, 2024
Chair Toye noted that Christmas Break is December 25, 2023 to January 5, 2024.
- 11.2 Board of Education meeting, January 15, 2024
Chair Toye noted that the next Board of Education meeting is on January 15, 2024.
- 11.3 Non-Instructional Day for Elementary & Middle Schools, January 19, 2024.
Chair Toye noted that the Non-Instructional Day for Elementary & Middle Schools is on January 19, 2024.
- 11.4 Welcome to French Immersion Sessions, January 23 & 24, 2024.
Chair Toye noted that the Welcome to French Immersion Sessions is on January 23 & 24, 2024.


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

Q. T. Last: Four grandchildren in SD52 – concerns about LOP and Uncertified teachers and the development of the children academically. What is the commitment of SD52 to find an answer to that in order to give students the education they deserve? EA's are being placed in teaching roles. We can't sustain this and we need qualified teachers.

A: Thank you, we talk about it frequently. We take it very seriously and advocate provincially. Hesitate going off agenda as don't want to set a precedent. Superintendent Samoil encouraged Mrs. Last to come to see him in the office to discuss further.

- 13. **Adjournment**

Chair Toye adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



Board Chair, Kate Toye



Superintendent, Andrew Samoil