

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present: S. Pond, M. Cross, A. Samoil, T. Dickens, B. Verissimo

Regrets:

Board Chair Toye acknowledged that the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 20240220-1.0a

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

Carried

2. **Presentation(s):**

The Superintendent introduced Christina Leighton from Charles Hays Secondary School to present on the things she has been accomplishing in her Food Sovereignty role. She has been bringing Indigenous Food into the school. Ms. Leighton shared a slide show of photos of the students learning how to harvest, process and cook delicious recipes. Trustees enjoyed all of the photos showing this learning. Trustees expressed thanks for Ms. Leighton's presentation and for sharing the work she is doing with our students.

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

3.1 Open Board Meeting held January 15, 2024

Motion 20240220-3.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meeting held
January 15, 2024 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 January 15, 2024.
- 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 20240220-4.0a

Horne "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
None

5.2 Copied to the Board

- 5.2.1 January 18, 2024 letter to Barry Neufeld from BCSTA re: Membership in the BC School Trustees Association
- 5.2.2 February 2, 2024 letter of congratulations from BCSTA to Minister Lore
- 5.2.3 February 2, 2024 Thank you letter from BCSTA to Minister Dean

Motion 20240220-5.0a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Maier (Prince Rupert) that Item 5.2.1 to 5.2.3 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 1861 January 31, 2024. Trustees appreciated the graph presented.

6.1.3 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other

The Acting Superintendent shared the recent Indigenous Implementation Day on February 16, 2024 was titled "Fostering Strength & Resilience." We were fortunate to have Denise Augustine, Superintendent of Indigenous Education MECC and Kim Spencer, "Weird Rules to Follow" author speak at this event.

The Indigenous Education Department has been very busy. They have offered Indigenous focused course support sessions for teachers connected to the Indigenous focused graduation requirement: professional developments and collaboration. They have been doing a book study on "Indigenous Writes" which has brought many meaningful conversations connected to educator practice. They have Student Indigenous Leadership Groups: PCS Youth Group and CHSS Young Matriarchs. There are two student leadership groups for Indigenous girls that are being facilitated by the team. Students will be developing a focus

with the Spirals of Inquiry and will work through the inquiry process to develop a focus for taking action, while promoting leadership and youth voice and empowerment.

The Sm'algax team has been doing ongoing work on grade curriculum with the team, digital resource updates are ongoing, and signage curriculum work.

The French Immersion program had all French Immersion students from Roosevelt and PRMS (approx. 120 students) attended an all-French music event at the Lester Centre on January 26, 2024. Will Jams is a bilingual singer who was in Prince Rupert for AFFNO's Maple Sugar Festival. Thank you to AFFNO for financially supporting this event. In preparation for Kindergarten registration, SD52 offered two "Welcome to French Immersion" information sessions on January 24 & 25 at Roosevelt Park Elementary School. These sessions were well attended and provided parents with more information about our French Immersion program.

Early Learning Updates include: ECE Dual Credit started on January 31st at CHSS with 16 students in person and 1 student attending remotely from Hartley Bay. This is the second year we have offered ECE courses. We are pleased to have 12 students in Before and After School care at Conrad Elementary and 13 students enrolled at Pineridge Elementary.

7. Acting Secretary Treasurer's Report

7.1 January 2024 Expenditures Report

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the January 2024 Expenditures Report and answered questions from Trustees. Question re: money that has come in for PRMS going back in operating budget. This is because most of the cost incurred from the past has come from operating and auditors advised to put it here.

7.2 January 2024 Operations Department Report

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for January 2024 and answered questions from Trustees.

7.3 January 2024 Information Technology Department Report

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the Information Technology Department Report for January 2024 and answered questions from Trustees.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance & Building Committee

(Trustees Beil, Maier, Pucci)

8.1.1 2023-24 Amended Annual Budget

The Acting Secretary Treasurer presented about the Amended Annual Budget and answered questions from Trustees.

Motion 20240220-8.1.1a

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that all three readings of the Amended Annual
Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 be read at the same meeting."

Carried

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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$35,925,670 for the 2023/2024 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 2023/2024.

Motion 20240220-8.1.1b

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 be read a first time the 20 th day of February, 2024."	<u>Carried</u>
Horne		

Motion 20240220-8.1.1c

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 be read a second time the 20 th day of February, 2024."	<u>Carried</u>
Horne		

Motion 20240220-8.1.1d

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 be read a third time, passed and adopted the 20 th day of February, 2024."	<u>Carried</u>
Horne		

8.1.2 Trustee Remuneration & Allowance Review and Revision

Motion 20240220-8.1.2

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Board approve the Trustee Remuneration & Allowance Review and Revision as presented."	<u>Carried</u>
Horne		

Clarification that \$900 allowance is annually not monthly. This is done fairly by averaging with what other districts are paying every two years. This will go back to the board every two years for a vote.

8.1.3 PRMS New School Update

Two weeks ago, we met with two architects and project managers. We also met with representatives from Lax Kw'alaams, Metlakatla and Hartley Bay. We walked the property and met with representatives from the City of Prince Rupert. We held a meeting with students and staff to discuss what

they would like to see in the new middle school. Dinner meeting with Trustees and an Open House which was well advertised. Approximately 25 members of the public attended the Open House. Architects are going to come back in the second week of March to have further discussion.

8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (Trustees Horne, Sanchez)
Next meeting is on Feb 29, 2024

8.3 Provincial Council (Trustees Maier, Pucci)
Has not met recently

8.4 Indigenous Education Council (Trustees Toye, Sanchez)
Has not met

8.5 Policy Committee (Trustees Horne, Toye)

8.5.1 February 12, 2024 meeting
Trustee Horne presented the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting of the Policy Committee.

8.5.2 Policies for Approval
8.5.2.1 7110 – Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance Policy

Motion 20240220-8.5.2.1

Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that 7110– Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance Policy be approved as presented."	6 in
Pucci		favor
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		opposed

8.5.2.2 7120 – Travel and Subsistence Allowance Policy

Motion 20240220-8.5.2.2

Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that 7120 – Travel and Subsistence Allowance Policy be approved as presented."	
Beil		
		Carried

Motion 20240220-

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) to extend the meeting."	
Horne		
		Carried

8.5.3 Policies for Review

8.5.3.1 6250 – District Parent Advisory Council Policy

Motion 20240220-8.5.2

Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that 6250– District Parent Advisory Council Policy be sent to stakeholders for review."	
Maier		
		Carried

8.6 District Technology Steering Committee
8.6.1 January 13, 2024 Minutes

9. **Old Business**

None

10. **New Business**

None

11. **Information Items:**

11.1 Provincial Council, February 24, 2024

Chair Toye noted that the Provincial Council meeting is on February 24, 2024.

11.2 Board of Education Meeting, March 11, 2024

Chair Toye noted that next Board of Education meeting is on March 11, 2024.

11.3 Spring Break, March 18-28, 2024

Chair Toye noted that Spring Break is March 18-28, 2024.

11.4 Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Chair Toye noted that Good Friday is on March 29, 2024.

11.5 Easter Monday, April 1, 2024.

Chair Toye noted that Easter Monday is on April 1, 2024.

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

13. **Adjournment**

Chair Toye adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



Board Chair, Kate Toye



Superintendent, Andrew Samoil