

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM
Monday, March 11, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Regrets: M. Pucci, J. Beil

Board Chair Toye acknowledged that the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 20240311-1.0a

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

Carried

Adding capital bylaw plan – to agenda

2. Presentation(s):

The Superintendent introduced Michael McDowall the Vice Principal from Ecole Roosevelt Elementary School to present on the French Immersion Program. He reviewed what is involved with the French Immersion program and the benefits of Early French Immersion. Bilingualism can help students grow more cognitively. The curriculum is exactly the same but just in French. We currently have 183 students in the program. (10% of the student population. Roosevelt – 86, PRMS – 53 and CHSS – 44 students. French Immersion is inclusive and it is open to all students. 33% of French immersion students are Indigenous. How is the program funded? Through the Official Languages in Education Protocol, the Ministry of Education and Child Care administers federal funding. Review of what money is spent on within the program. Highlights this year: Carnaval, Will Jams – Merci au AFFNO, PRMS visit to North Pacific Cannery, French Immersion Picnic at Diana Lake. Canadian Parents for French helps with funding these types of activities. Currently working on translating the Ts'msyen Adaawx into French which would be available for all French classrooms. They have been looking at regular exchange programs. Experiences Canada has linguistic exchanges. Further, he is looking to create a permanent program which integrates French-speaking High School Students into elementary schools for credits or work experience. One of the big fears is that students won't learn or know English. By grade 7 French students are on par or ahead of English students.

Trustees thanked Mr. McDowall for his presentation and would love to see the exchange program come to fruition. When we compare to provincial average of Indigenous students we are higher.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the

3.1 Open Board Meeting held February 20, 2024

Motion 20240311-3.1

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
February 20, 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 February 20, 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 20240311-4.0a

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (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 February 8, 2024 letter from BCSTA to Taleeb Noormohamed re: Bill C-322 – National Framework for a School Food Program Act
 - 5.2.2 February 8, 2024 letter from BCSTA to the Honourable Chrystia Freeland re: Federal Budget 2024 – National School Food Program
 - 5.2.3 February 9, 2024 letter from Ministry of Education and Child Care to Carolyn Broady re: Anti-Sexual Orientation Gender Identity disruptions
 - 5.2.4 February 28, 2024 letter of recognition from BCSTA to Alan Chell

Motion 20240311-5.0a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Dalton (Prince Rupert) that Item 5.2.1 to 5.2.4 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 1852

February 29, 2024. Trustees appreciated the graph presented.

6.1.3 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other

The Acting Superintendent, Sandra Pond, provided a summary of recent school activities and upcoming events in the school district. Schools are doing a great job connecting students to the community and extending their learning. Conrad Elementary hosted a Student Art Show through a Jane Goodall grant. Lax Kxeen Elementary invited the Rupert Rampage to come and read with their students. Both Pineridge and Roosevelt are enjoying a visit from Sparky and Fire Department this week.

The CHSS Wrestling Team and both the Senior and Junior Boys Basketball Teams travelled to compete in the Provincials this past month. Teams fundraise for these events. Both the Senior and Junior Girls teams won zones but chose not to go to Provincials due to the cost.

Due to provincial staff shortages in Health Care and Child Care, the Ministry is investing funds into Dual Credit Programs for Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Health Care. CHSS is currently offering ECE Dual Credit courses and will be offering an Introduction to Health Dual Credit Course next school year.

Data has been reviewed from the Grade 4 and 7 FSAs, the Student Learning Surveys, the Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment, the Grade 10 and 12 Literacy Assessment and the 5- and 6-year Graduation Rates for SD 52 with the Large Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Group. Priority #1 is to have equity and to eliminate the achievement gap for all students. We are celebrating the fact that the 5-year grad rates for all students increased from 59.9% to 82.1% and the 6-year grad rates increased from 70.6% to 91.8% which is at parity with Provincial averages.

Superintendent Samoil informed that during spring break will be some drilling at PRMS. Engineers and project managers will be here to receive input from public.

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

7.1 February 2024 Expenditures Report

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the February 2024 Expenditures Report and answered questions from Trustees. Highlight of YTD variance. EA salary says under budget by \$120,000 and support staff under by \$130,000. Some EA positions weren't filled at the beginning of the year. Need to take a closer look at support staff numbers. Overbudget in TTOC. Hoping that will balance out by year end. Question why some numbers show lower than others. Based on 10 or 12 months. Plant maintenance credit to expenses – due to funds for middle school.

The Capital plan approved by board in January meeting. 2023-24 Capital SEP – Plumbing/sprinkler upgrades to CHSS, Conrad and Roosevelt. This is money that can only be used for this.

CAPITAL BYLAW NO. 2023/24-CPSD52-03
CAPITAL PLAN 2023/24

WHEREAS in accordance with section 142 of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) (hereinafter called the "Board") has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the "Minister") and the Minister has approved the capital plan or has approved a capital plan with modifications,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 143 of the *School Act*, the Board has prepared this Capital Bylaw and agrees to do the following:

- (a) Authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to execute a capital project funding agreement(s) related to the capital project(s) contemplated by the capital plan or the capital plan with modifications;
- (b) Upon ministerial approval to proceed, commence the capital project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each capital project substantially as directed by the Minister;
- (c) Observe and comply with any order, regulation, or policy of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the capital project(s); and,
- (d) Maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the capital project(s), as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

- 1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2023/24 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated March 11, 2024, is hereby adopted.
- 2. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 52 Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD52-03.

Motion 20240311-7.1a

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD52-03, Capital
 Plan 2023/24 do all three readings in one on the 11th day of March
 2024."

Carried

Motion 20240311-7.1b

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD52-03, Capital
 Plan 2023/24 be read a first time the 11th day of March 2024."

Carried

Motion 20240311-7.2c

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Dalton (Prince Rupert) that Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD52-03, Capital
 Plan 2023/24 be read a second time the 11th day of March 2024."

Carried

Motion 20240311-7.1d

Maier
Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD52-03, Capital Plan 2023/24 be read a third time and passed the 11th day of March 2024."

Carried

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

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

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Beil, Maier, Pucci)**

8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**
Trustee Horne reported on the recent meeting. There is a lot of data to review with staff. There are some great things to report about as the Acting Superintendent reported earlier. We are looking to have a Board Working session on data after the budget after May they will be ready.

8.3 Provincial Council **(Trustees Maier, Pucci)**
Nothing to report other than meeting at upcoming AGM.

8.4 Indigenous Education Council **(Trustees Toye, Sanchez)**
Nothing to report as have not met.

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

8.5.1 March 4, 2024 meeting
Trustee Horne presented the minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting of the Policy Committee.

8.5.2 Policies for Approval
8.5.2.1 6250 – District Parent Advisory Policy

Motion 20240311-8.5.2.1

Horne
Dalton "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that 6250– District Parent Advisory Policy be approved as presented."

Carried

8.5.3 Policies for Review
8.5.3.1 1610 – Field Trip Policy
8.5.3.2 2340 – Release Time of Staff to Act as Resource Personnel Policy
8.5.3.3 2360 – Employee Conduct and Political Activities Policy

Motion 20240311-8.5.2

Horne
Maier “Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that 1610 – District Parent Advisory, 2340 – Release Time of Staff to Act as Resource Personnel and 2360 – Employee Conduct and Political Activities policies be sent to stakeholders for review.”

Carried

8.6 District Technology Steering Committee
 Has not met

9. **Old Business**

None

10. **New Business**

Board Meeting Schedule returning to Tuesday. Discussion how some board members have run on basis that meeting would be on Tuesdays. Further a bylaw change would be needed to permanently changed. Tuesdays tend to be better for majority. Discussion about keeping on Mondays until the end of the year.

Motion 20240311-10.2

Horne
Dalton “Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Board of Education Meetings continue with Mondays until the end of June with the exception of May.”

Carried

11. **Information Items:**

- 11.1 Spring Break, March 18-28, 2024
 Chair Toye noted that Spring Break is from March 18-28, 2024.
- 11.2 Good Friday, March 29, 2024
 Chair Toye noted that Good Friday is on March 29, 2024.
- 11.3 Easter Monday, April 1, 2024.
 Chair Toye noted that Easter Monday is on April 1, 2024.
- 11.4 Board of Education Meeting, April 15, 2024
 Chair Toye noted that the next Board of Education meeting is on April 15, 2024.
- 11.5 Professional Development Day, Regional, April 19, 2024.
 Chair Toye noted that the Profession Development Day, Regional is on April 19, 2024.

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

None

13. **Adjournment**

Chair Toye adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.



Board Chair, Kate Toye



Superintendent, Andrew Samoilo

