

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM
Monday, April 15, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Regrets: K. Toye

Vice Chair Beil acknowledged that the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 20240415-1.0a

Horne "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 AFG – to agenda

2. **Presentation(s):**

The Acting Superintendent introduced AnnaMarie Prohaska and students Nikayla Johnson, London Louttit-Salo, and Anaiah Azcueta from CHSS to present on the Experiences Canada trip to Ottawa. Ms. Prohaska and Mr. Kertes accompanied the students on this immersive experience. The students presented slide shows which featured highlights such as visits to Parliament, Montreal, local schools, hikes and a maple syrup farm. When the Ottawa students came to Prince Rupert they visited the Nass, Nisga'a museum, Nisga'a Parliament and the Debate team hosted a cultural dinner. The traditional feast and drumming celebration moved some Ottawa students to tears. Ottawa students were in awe of our beautiful mountains and scenery as it was very different from where they live. The group ended the visit with a dinner at the Pavillion where they shared highlights with each other. The students were very thankful to partake in this experience and have made lasting bonds with the Ottawa students. The Trustees were impressed with the presentation and were very pleased that they were awarded this opportunity.

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

3.1 Open Board Meeting held March 11, 2024

Motion 20240415-3.1

Dalton "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
March 11, 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 March 11, 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 20240415-4.0a

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
None

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 1854 March 31, 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. In March there were community connections at the Elementary Schools with Sparky from the Fire Department, Rupert Rampage Reads, and a visit from the RCMP and the Fire Department about the "Guns and Hoses" Hockey game. Toonies for Tummies and many businesses in Prince Rupert help fund the Breakfast Club of Canada Program which supports all of our schools. Conrad school is fundraising for an upcoming Grade 5 feast. Lax Kxeen is hosting a family luncheon for each division this year. This month, students participated in skiing, Oolichan Fishing and Theme Days.
We have 12 students taking the two courses in the ECE Dual Credit Course this spring. There is still a great need for ECE Educators in our community. We are working on the possibility of a child care pilot in the summer to help relieve some of the pressure for daycare. We are hosting Ready Set Learn Sessions for 3 to 4-year old's during the month of May. Play in the K Sessions will also be held for Preschool to Kindergarten students in all of

our elementary schools for 2 one half days in June. Welcome to Kindergarten sessions will be held the first week in September.

Our Strategic Plan Priority #3 – Mental Health Literacy is to build capacity for mental health literacy for students, staff and families. Social Emotional Learning is something we have been focused on for a number of years. Our Implementation Day this year focused on mental health and fostering strength and resilience. The Large Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Group looked at student data regarding wellness. We are celebrating that Children in Care are strong in 3 areas and that there is less disparity between all students and Indigenous students. We are concerned that all of our results were at the low end of our range over time and all were at the low end of the Provincial average. Our students feeling safe is at the high end of the Provincial range. These results were from last spring and we expect to receive this year's results sometime this summer.

7. Acting Secretary Treasurer's Report

7.1 March 2024 Expenditures Report

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the March 2024 Expenditures Report and answered questions from Trustees. Some large YTD variances were noted such as the EA salary, substitute salary and support staff salary. At this point the Acting Secretary Treasurer is assuming this may be simply a coding entry but she will dig further into this in the future.

7.2 March 2024 Operations Department Report

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations Department Report for March 2024 and answered questions from Trustees. Demolition and framing are complete on the new kitchen and plumbing will be happening this week.

The Director of Operations discussed all projects on the list for the Proposed Capital Plan (Annual Facility Grant)

Motion 20240415-7.2

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Pucci (Prince Rupert) that the make a motion to adopt the resolution of the Proposed Capital Plan (Annual Facility Grant) for 2024/25 as presented."

Carried

7.3 March 2024 Information Technology Department Report

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the Information Technology Department Report for March 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, Toye)**
Have not sat

8.3 Provincial Council **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**
Coming up this coming week

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

8.5 Policy Committee (Trustees Horne, Sanchez)

8.5.1 April 9, 2024 meeting
Trustee Horne presented the minutes of the April 9, 2024 meeting of the Policy Committee.

8.5.2 Policies for Approval

8.5.2.1 1610 – Field Trip Policy

8.5.2.2 2340 – Release Time of Staff to Act as Resource Personnel Policy

8.5.2.3 2360 – Employee Conduct and Political Activities Policy

Motion 20240415-8.5.2.1

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Pucci (Prince Rupert) that 1610 – Field Trip Policy, 2340– Release Time of Staff to Act as Resource Personnel Policy, and 2360 - Employee Conduct and Political Activities Policy be approved as presented."

Carried

8.5.3 Policies for Review

8.5.3.1 4310 – Occupational Health and Safety Policy

8.5.3.2 5110 – Corporate Sponsorship and Access to Students Policy

Motion 20240415-8.5.2

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Dalton (Prince Rupert) that 4310 – Occupational Health and Safety and 5110 – Corporate Sponsorship and Access to Students policies be sent to stakeholders for review."

Carried

8.6 District Technology Steering Committee
Have not sat

9. **Old Business**
None

10. **New Business**

10.1 BCSTA Motion
This is the issue of creating a motion that would be presented at the BCSTA meeting this week. It would be encouraging the Ministry to investigate the net adverse effects of the reduction of the unique geographical factors for small and rural school districts. The superintendent had conflicting direction from board members that this was a board issue as opposed to the bureaucracy here writing it as a motion for a public meeting. The decision has been made not to proceed with the motion.

10.2 Sharing Metlakatla LEA
Discussion about the new agreement and the details of it. Trustees would like to thank all who were involved in organizing this day.

Motion 20240415-10.2

Pucci "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the Metlakatla Local Education Agreement be approved as presented."

Carried

11. **Information Items:**

11.1 BCSTA AGM, April 18-21, 2024

Vice Chair Beil noted that the BCSTA AGM is on April 18-21, 2024

11.2 Professional Development Day, May 17, 2024

Vice Chair Beil noted that the Professional Development Day is on May 17, 2024.

11.3 Victoria Day, May 20, 2024

Vice Chair Beil noted that Victoria Day is on May 20, 2024.

11.4 Board of Education Meeting, May 21, 2024

Vice Chair Beil noted that the next Board of Education meeting is on May 21, 2024.

11.5 Professional Development Day, Regional, April 19, 2024.

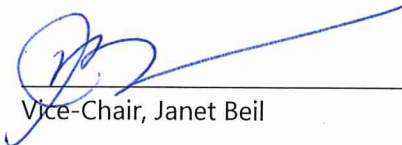
Vice Chair Beil noted that the Professional Development Day, Regional is on April 19, 2024.

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

None

13. **Adjournment**

Vice-Chair Beil adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Vice-Chair, Janet Beil



Superintendent, Andrew Samoil

