

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Staff Present: S. Pond, A. Samoil, E. Vazquez, T. Dickens, D. Gautam, A. Lihou, P. Khaira, R. Edzerza

Regrets:

Chair Toye acknowledged that the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 20250121-1.0a

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

Carried

Late Item – Correspondence to the Board - Letter from PRDTU

2. Presentation(s):

Cam & Eva Hill – Literacy Learning Activities

Mr. Hill highlighted his FNESC conference presentation on "Living off the Land and Sea". He shared how people have been going to Kiel and harvesting from the seas for thousands of years. Not many youth are able to go and participate in harvesting anymore for various reasons. They have tried to incorporate all of this learning, language and culture into their schools. It is meaningful for students to have the opportunity to do this and learn where their ancestors formerly fished and harvested. Mr. Hill expressed that it is up to us as educators to promote this learning. The connection to land, water, language and culture is vital for students as is academic learning. The joy and pride the students have when they come back from kiel with memories and the knowledge that their people were there is incomparable.

Chair Toye thanked the Hill's for this presentation and expressed gratitude for all of the hard work they have done and continue to do.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the

3.1 Open Board Meeting held December 17, 2024

Motion 20250121-3.1

Pucci "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Dalton (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meeting held
December 17, 2025 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 17, 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 20250121-4.0a

Pucci "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
 - 5.1.1 December 17, 2024 letter from PRDTU

Motion 20250121-5.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
 Horne (Prince Rupert) that 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 be received and filed."

Carried

No direction from the board has been given to move forward with the International Student program. A presentation to the board was made to determine if there was a flavour for it. An International Student Program may be considered sometime in the future, but at this time it is not. Trustees suggested that any further questions go to Andrew and he will report to the board. Discussion arose how SD 82 has had success with their program and had more applicants than families to place these students with. The board could potentially look at sharing with SD 82 and generating extra revenue.

- 5.2 Copied to the Board
 - None

6. Superintendent of Schools Report

- 6.1 For Board Information:

6.1.1 Field Trips

The Superintendent presented the list of approved field trips and answered questions from Trustees. Discussion arose regarding the bus that broke down on a recent trip to Prince George. Superintendent Samoil confirmed it was repaired and is ready for future use.

6.1.2 Enrolment

The Assistant Superintendent reported that enrolment is at 1,810 as of December 31, 2024. 1,116 of those students are Indigenous.

6.1.2.1 Enrolment graph
 Review of graph and trends.

6.1.3 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other

The Superintendent Andrew Samoil, provided a summary of recent school activities and upcoming events in the school district.
 "Welcome to French", French Immersion sessions are happening Jan 21st and 22nd in the Roosevelt school library.
 Carnaval is currently being planned for Feb 13th at Roosevelt and Feb 18th

at PRMS.

Family Literacy Day is on January 27th and many of our schools recognizing this day by way of book swaps or school wide read-a-thons.

Kindergarten registration begins in February, on business days between February 1-15 at all schools.

Many families were impacted by the Sherbrooke Apartment fire on Christmas Eve. Schools have rallied together in this time of need and donated many items and offered as much support as possible.

Pineridge – Jan 20 to Feb 7 – Spirit of Healthy Kids Challenge. This is a school wide challenge each day in the gym.

Grad assessments for Literacy 10, Numeracy 10 are happening between January 13-24th.

The high school exchange trip is booked for Feb 6-13 via Experiences Canada. Ten students from Prince Rupert are paired with twenty students from Saint-Raymond, QB. Quebec students will visit here from May 21-28, 2025.

Early Learning & Child Care:

Kindergarten registration advertisement information is going out to the schools and community this week. École Roosevelt Park Community School is hosting a French Immersion information session for parents on January 21st to 22nd. Child care information at these sessions will be available for the new program opening in September 2025. Early Childhood Education Dual Credit courses begin next Semester at CHSS and PCS students. Twenty-one students registered. Conrad and Pineridge child care programs continue to receive new students.

PRMS seismic upgrades: Yellowridge Construction has taken over the site and have secured it with yellow fencing. They are starting on the road access. The band room will be demolished on Friday and Saturday. There will be a parking study with counters to monitor the commercial traffic, etc to determine how it will be affected by the future construction.

Indigenous Ed Learning updates:

Author Kim Spenser class visits have recently happened. She wrote "Weird Rules to Follow".

Student groups including the Young Matriarchs, Indigenous Student Leadership groups, Girls Group in PCS, CHSS and PRMS.

Indigenous Ed. Dept presented at FNEESC. This professional learning will be offered at Wap Sigatgyet on Friday.

Clams were donated from the Hill's for students to learn about harvesting, processing and food sovereignty.

Making some connections between Mathematics and beadwork design have been a focal point.

Changing Results for Young Children continues.

A moment of silence was held for Teresa Lauther.

7. Acting Secretary Treasurer's Report

- 7.1 December Statement of Operations Report
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the December statement of operations report and answered questions from Trustees.

- 7.2 December 2024 Operations Department Report
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations Report for December 2024 and answered questions from Trustees. Trustees asked about the kitchen progress. It is a bit behind but It is anticipated to be open by around spring break.
- 7.3 December 2024 Information Technology Department Report
The Manager of IT presented the Information Technology Department Report for December 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)**
 - 8.2.1 Graduation Data
The How are we Doing Report for 2023-24 was released in November 2024. This report shows that the percent of Indigenous students who graduated with a Dogwood or Adult Dogwood increased from 57% to 61% for the 2023-2024 five-year completion rate. It further showed that the percent of Indigenous students who graduated with a Dogwood or Adult Dogwood increased from 73% to 82% for the 2023-2024 six-year completion rate.
- 8.3 Provincial Council **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**
Next meeting is coming up in February via zoom
- 8.4 Policy Committee **(Trustees Horne, Toye)**
 - 8.4.1 January 14, 2025 meeting
Trustee Horne presented the minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting of the Policy Committee and answered questions from Trustees.
 - 8.4.2 Policies for Approval
None
 - 8.4.3 Policies for Review
 - 8.4.3.1 1410 – Student Code of Conduct
 - 8.4.3.2 1420 - District Code of Conduct
 - 8.4.3.3 1450 – Respectful School Communities

Motion 202501-8.4.3

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that 1410 – School Code of Conduct, 1420 – District Code of Conduct, and 1450 – Respectful School Communities Policies be sent for review." **Carried**

- 8.5 District Technology Steering Committee
The Committee met this last week. They discussed authentication and the importance of MFA. It creates a layer of defence, safeguards privacy and helps to prevent attacks. The two methods of Multi-Factor Authentications used are either by SMS or Microsoft Authenticator APP. A survey will go to staff to identify which method they prefer.
The District needs to approve AI tools geared toward students. The committee will

look into this and determine which ones are most appropriate. There has been some training by IT for the processes included in bringing AI to our schools.

Motion 202501-8.5

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the meeting be extended."

Carried

9. **Old Business**

The Secretary-Treasurer examined the SOFI report and looked into the question of who is Phillip Tieu. He discovered that they were an agent acting for international students and the transaction in question was a refund.

10. **New Business**

None

11. **Information Items:**

11.1 Welcome to French Immersion Sessions, January 21 & 22, 2025

Chair Toye noted that the Welcome to French Immersion Sessions are on January 21 & 22, 2025.

11.2 Non-Instructional Day Elementary & Middle Schools, January 24, 2025.

Chair Toye noted that the Non-Instructional Day for Elementary & Middle Schools is on January 24, 2025.

11.3 Non-Instructional Day Secondary, February 13, 2025

Chair Toye noted that the Non-Instructional Day for Secondary School is on February 13, 2025

11.4 Indigenous Implementation Day, February 14, 2025

Chair Toye noted that the Indigenous Implementation Day is on February 14, 2025

11.5 Family Day, February 17, 2025

Chair Toye noted that Family Day is on February 17, 2025

11.6 Board of Education Meeting, February 18, 2025


Chair Toye noted that the Board of Education Meeting is on February 18, 2025

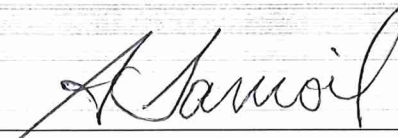
12. **10 Minute Question and Answer Period**

Q: PRDTU president thanked the Board for accepting the letter regarding the International Student Program and for committing to follow up with it if the program is approved by the Board.

13. **Adjournment**

Chair Toye adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.


Board Chair, Kate Toye


Superintendent, Andrew Samoil

