



Media Release

Highlights of November 18, 2025 Board Meeting

Presenter – Billy Nelson and Git Waas Drumming Group

Mr. Nelson presented on the CHSS Git Waas Student Drumming Group. Four drummers attended the board meeting and performed two songs written by two of the students. The performance was a moving display of the pride they feel for their Indigenous heritage and culture.

Mr. Nelson shared how this group of students has helped him in so many ways. He went on to say "This group has demonstrated that nations can unite, and they have created harmony among many tribes. "

Vice-Chair Maier expressed "We were honored to welcome the Git Waas Drumming Group led by Billy Nelson. Their original songs were inspiring, and we are looking forward to experiencing more of their incredible work. "

Upcoming projects/Learning/Other

Superintendent Andrew Samoil provided a summary of recent school activities and upcoming events in the school district.

Schools honored and remembered veterans' service and sacrifices on National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. At CHSS Student Voice worked hard to plan ceremonies. Git Waas and the Cadets drummed and marched through the hallways followed by ceremonies in the gymnasium.

Grade 4 FSA's were done last week.

Students from the NITEP program have been attending classes around the district to observe experienced certified teachers. SD52 has many employees enrolled in this program.

Elementary schools have begun preparing for winter concerts. Some schools are holding family craft nights to enjoy the festivities during December.

The Port of Prince Rupert will be visiting schools to have pancake breakfasts with students and staff.



Field trips are ongoing around the district and have included sports travel, skating and ski days. Volleyball, soccer and debate teams have represented CHSS well. Jr. Boys volleyball received bronze at zones and Jr girls' volleyball received silver. Both sr. boys and girls' volleyball teams received GOLD! Sr. Girls will be heading to provincials very soon. A big thank you to the many individuals and organizations who have been generously donating to the Fall sports teams traveling to the Provincial Championships.

CHSS has expanded shop programs this year by offering Auto shop, and the class has recently started doing oil changes and tire rotations.

Roosevelt and Conrad have planned visits with pen pals. They have had fun connecting this way.

Dec 4-6 – "Almost Maine" CHSS Drama Productions will take place at the Lester Centre.

Early Learning & Child Care

The ownership of the lots where Lax Kxeen Elementary School (601 William Booth Way) and Booth Maintenance Building (500 Hays Cove Avenue) occupy have reverted to The Board of School Trustees of School District No. 52. as of October 31st, 2025. This is welcome news for the new childcare facility for 144 spaces as the project will now be on track for completion of late 2027 or early 2028. Station One Architects and Vancouver School Board project managers will be returning to Prince Rupert on December 9th and 10th to update the board of trustees and rightsholders groups with progress on the building design.

Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education approved the policies:

6330 – Role of the Secretary-Treasurer Policy

1120 – French Immersion Policy

The Board of Education approved two policies for distribution to the district's partner groups for their review and comment:

2110 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel Policy

1340 – Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies Policy



The Board of Education appreciates input on proposed policy changes from all district partner groups.

Upcoming Events

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| Nov 28, 2025 | Professional Development Day |
| Nov 27-29, 2025 | BCSTA, Trustee Academy |
| Dec 16, 2025 | Board of Education Meeting |
| Dec 22, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026 | Winter Break |
| Dec 23, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026 | School Board Office Closure |

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