

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM**

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present: S. Pond, A. Samoil, E. Vazquez, T. Dickens, A. Lihou, R. Edzerza, P. Khaira, K. MacIlroy,,
L. Burger, C.Rourke

Regrets: K. Toye, D. Dalton

Vice-Chair Maier 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 20251021-1.0a

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

Carried

2. Presentation

Director of Instruction, Lori Burger introduced Brendan Turner to present on Decolonizing Library Resources. SD 52 has a large population of Indigenous students, and it is important that our libraries reflect our population. Authentic Indigenous resources are important for all students, not just Indigenous students. It is important to have equitable access for all students, regardless of systemic barriers. There has been an increased focus on authenticity of resources and improved verification practices. The district implemented an Indigenous – focused grad requirement. Increased focus has been on the SD52 Teacher-Librarian working group.

Trustees thanked Brendan for his presentation and the hard work they are doing to decolonize library resources.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the

3.1 Open Board Meeting held September 23, 2025

Motion 20251021-3.1

Sanchez "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meeting held
September 23, 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 September 23, 2025.
- 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 20251021-4.0a

Pucci "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 June 10, 2025 letter from MOE to BCTC
- 5.2.2 September 11, 2025 letter from SD 8 to MOE

Motion 20251021-5.2

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

Carried

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.

- 6.1.2 Enrolment

The Director of Instruction, Carla Rourke reported enrolment is 1784 on September 30, 2025. 62% of our students are Indigenous.

- 6.1.2.1 Enrolment graph

Review of graph and trends.

- 6.1.3 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other
Superintendent Samoil shared that:

During Truth and Reconciliation week, both staff and students actively engaged in learning about the history and lasting impacts of residential schools at all schools in the district. At CHSS, together they created a powerful gallery. showcasing not just the learning from this week but a commitment to ongoing education throughout the year. Monday, September 29th classes had the opportunity to observe, and participate in, performances with the Git Waas Student Drum Group and look at the gallery of student learning in the multi-purpose room.

Volleyball, Cross Country and Soccer teams have been active with travel and have been playing well at CHSS and PRMS.

All elementary schools hosted turkey lunches for students and staff during the week of Oct 6-10th.

Students from the UNBC teaching program are visiting classrooms to observe.

Foundation Skills Assessments are starting for grade 4 students and will be completed by November 10.

Great Shake-Out (Earthquake drills) on October 16th throughout the district.

In support of the Auto-motive heavy mechanical course at CHSS, we met with Trigon and CMC representatives regarding Trades programs. They agreed on an initial spend of dollars in support of the auto-motive program at CHSS and agreed on future meetings to revise the Coastal Pathways partnership and to explore ways to offer a variety of trades and trades related programs to the broader community.

A New childcare public meeting will be held on October 28th.

Seismic update of PRMS: Repair was made to sewer line, and the project continues to take shape and is on time and on budget. Concrete foundations are complete and upward construction will begin. The school is expected to be open September 2027.

Early Learning & Child Care:

Kindergarten teachers and early years educators will be invited to meet in early December to collaborate and plan for early learning programs and initiatives in our district. These include: Ready Set Learn, SEY2KT (Strengthen Early Years Kindergarten Transitions), an Early Years Fair, Welcome To Kindergarten. This year Kindergarten teachers will complete the EDI (Early Development Instrument). Research shows the ages of birth to 6 years is the most critical developmental stages for cognitive, communicative and social emotional capacities. Building strong connections and relationships between community programs for pre-school and kindergarten children and educators is a key factor for school readiness and success.

7. Secretary Treasurer's Report

7.1 Statement of Operations September 2025

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Statement of Operations September 2025 report and answered questions from Trustees.

7.2 September 2025 Operations Department Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the September 2025 Operations Department report and answered questions from Trustees. Discussion arose of elevator repair needed at CHSS. The Secretary-Treasurer indicated that he may have to move some of the AFG funds planned for other projects to the elevator repair.

7.3 September 2025 Information Technology Department report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the September 2025 Information Technology Department Report 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 Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report

Motion 20251021-8.2.1

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Sanchez (Prince Rupert) that the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report
be approved as presented."

Carried

- 8.3 Provincial Council (Trustees Horne, Sanchez)
Meeting on October 24, 2025

- 8.4 Policy Committee (Trustees Toye, Maier)

8.4.1 October 14, 2025, meeting
Vice-Chair Maier presented the minutes of the October 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 6330 – Role of the Secretary-Treasurer Policy
8.4.3.2 1120 – French Immersion Policy

Motion 20251021-8.4.3

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Pucci (Prince Rupert) that policies 6330 – Role of the Secretary-Treasurer
and 1120 – French Immersion be sent to stakeholders for comment
and review."

Carried

The Annual budget policy will be brought to the November committee meeting

- 8.5 District Technology Steering Committee
Meeting October 24, 2025.

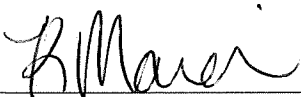
9. **Old Business**
None

10. **New Business**
None

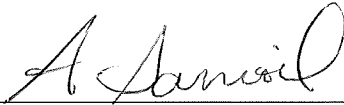
11. **Information Items:**

- 11.1 Professional Development Day, October 24, 2025
Vice-Chair Maier noted that the Professional Development Day is on October 24, 2025
- 11.2 Provincial Council, October 24, 2025
Vice-Chair noted that Provincial Council is on October 24, 2025
- 11.3 October 28, 2025, public meeting for new childcare
Vice-Chair Maier noted that the public meeting for the new childcare is October 28,
2025, at the Booth building
- 11.4 Board of Education meeting (Elections), November 4, 2025
Vice-Chair Maier noted that the Board of Education meeting is on November 4, 2025

- 11.5 Indigenous Veterans Day, November 8, 2025
Vice-Chair Maier noted that the Indigenous Veterans Day is on November 8, 2025
- 11.6 Remembrance Day, November 11, 2025
Vice-Chair Maier noted that Remembrance Day is on November 11, 2025.
- 11.7 BCSSA, November 13-15, 2025
Vice-Chair Maier noted that BCSSA is on November 13-25, 2025
- 11.8 Board of Education Meeting, November 18, 2025.
Vice-Chair Maier noted that the Board of Education meeting is on November 18, 2025.
12. **10 Minute Question and Answer Period**
Q: Significant number of calls going home for not enough coverage in schools.
A: Item is not related to the agenda.
13. **Adjournment**
Vice-Chair Maier adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.



Vice-Chair, Kristy Maier



Superintendent, Andrew Samoil

