

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Regrets: K. Maier

Chair Toye acknowledged that the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 20260217-1.0a**

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

**Carried**

Chair Toye asked that all in attendance take a moment to acknowledge what has recently happened in Tumbler Ridge and to allow a space to have empathy and to feel what that community is going through.

Chair Toye shared that Trustee Pucci has resigned from the Board. The timing of his resignation does not require another election. She expressed deep gratitude for the time he served on the board.

**2. Presentation**

The Superintendent, Andrew Samoil introduced Roberta Edzerza and Mandy Lawson from the Indigenous Implementation Department to present on Indigenous Implementation Day. This year it was hosted at CHSS. The theme was Gylks Ni-itsk.....Nii'Nagoox (Looking back.....Looking Forward).

This was the biggest turnout ever.

Spencer Greening came to do an ignite session. His presentation was inspiring and set the stage for the breakout sessions later in the day.

Carolyn Roberts was the first Keynote on Re-Storying Education and Enacting the 4 R's in Educational Leadership. She will be coming up to teach NITEP teachers in the future.

Kim Spencer, a local author from Kitkatla, presented on her upcoming book releases "Here for a good time" and "Springtime in Kitkatla"

The Git Waas drumming group performed. The powerful presentation was very moving. The growth and leadership coming from this group is remarkable.

Christina Leighton, the Food Sovereignty coordinator at CHSS prepared and fed everyone fish bowls with 4 student helpers.

There were two breakout sessions in the afternoon which were approximately 50 minutes each. The sessions included Sm'algyax Videos, Numeracy, T's Red Dress, Metis, Storytelling on the Land, Art Drawings, Dsi'is/Ya'as Dii, Library Supports, Seasonal Rounds, Writer's Workshop, Art Drawings and Drumming.

Trustees thanked them for the presentation and all the hard work that went in to planning a

fabulous day of learning.

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

3.1 Open Board Meeting held January 20, 2026

**Motion 20260217-3.1**

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  
January 20, 2026 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 January 20, 2026.
- 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 20260217-4.0a**

Horne "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  
None

5.2 Copied to the Board

- 5.2.1 January 12, 2026 letter from SD 83 to The Minister of Finance re: Increase of remuneration limit on SOFI report.
- 5.2.2 January 19, 2026 letter from SD 8 to Ministers Beare and Ma re: Aligning BCs Education and Child Care Dedicated, Ongoing Funding to Expand Affordable, School-Based Child Care.
- 5.2.3 January 20, 2026 letter from SD 20 to Minister of Health re: Concerns about Vaping and the Impact on our Students.
- 5.2.4 January 20, 2026 letter from SD 20 to Ministers Osborne and Beare re: Urgent Concerns about Youth Vaping and its Impact on Students.

**Motion 20260217-5.2.1**

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

**Carried**

**Motion 20260217-5.2.2**

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

**Carried**

**Motion 20260217-5.2.3**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the Board wishes to write a letter of support"

**Carried**

The Board would like emphasis put on the product advertising and flavours that are favourable to children. The warnings on the package are not the same as those on tobacco products.

**Motion 20260217-5.2.4**

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Dalton (Prince Rupert) that the Board wishes to write a letter of support"

**Carried**

**6. Superintendent of Schools Report**

6.1 For Board Information:

6.1.1 Field Trips

The Superintendent, Andrew Samoil 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 1779 on January 31, 2026.

6.1.2.1 Enrolment graph

Review of graph and trends.

6.1.3 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other

Superintendent Samoil shared that:

Basketball zones have been happening for Sr. Girls and Jr. and Sr. Boys teams. They are all going to Provincials. Wrestling zones in Smithers Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. They won a banner and will be heading to Provincials. Colton Hilbert won most inspirational wrestler. The girls basketball team is not going to Provincials but Alexandra Lincoln Bear won MVP and Kaitlyn Leang won player of the game.

Mrs. Clifton's First Nations Art 11/12 class hosted their third annual art show, showcasing incredible talent. This year, students created stunning designs and hand painted beautiful artwork on drums.

Two students were selected at the Prince George Debate Tournament to represent CHSS at the Debate Provincials. Chase McWilliams and Shawn Pettit will be travelling to the competition.

Careers 12 students dazzled staff with their creative and thoughtful capstone projects.

Mrs. Sawka's BCFP12 and EFP12 classes enjoyed the Museum of Northern BCs Winter Feast Tour.

Dueck's Social Justice 12 fundraised and donated \$450 to the North Coast Transition Society.

Mr. Barak's Auto Shop class completed their go-cart builds.

There is a group of dedicated student leaders working hard on a Black History Month event for February 26<sup>th</sup>.

PRMS' grade 7 students went on a ski trip Feb 5 and on Feb 6 they held Francophonie Day with many activities in the morning and skating, curling and a movie in the afternoon.

Kindergarten registration has been happening at all elementary schools from Feb 1-15.

Roosevelt planned Carnaval/Winter Olympics on Feb 5, with many fun

activities for students throughout the day.

The HR department organized a district wide curling rink social on Feb 5. MDI surveys with grade 5 students have occurred around the district. Pineridge Olympics on Feb 10 – Teachers each submitted a country and an activity for students.

Marlene Clifton drumming at schools Feb 9-13.

All- Native Basketball tournament Feb 14-21.

### **Early Learning & Child Care:**

The floor plan of the new childcare building will be scaled down due to budget constraints. The ministry is currently reviewing our request to decrease by 21 spaces. The number of new spaces will be 90 compared to the original application for 111 new spaces. The programs offered in the new building will be for younger children: under 36 months (36 spaces) and 30 months to school age (54 spaces). Before and After school aged programs will remain at each elementary school site and Sunnyside at Booth building. The team will reschedule a virtual meeting late March early April with the trustees to share progress and the revised floor plan. Kindergarten registration is going well at all elementary school sites. The Early Years Fair at the end of February will provide families with another opportunity to register their children for Kindergarten if they have not already been at their catchment school.

#### 6.1.4 2026-27 Calendars – Current and Draft Proposal

##### **Motion 20260217-6.1.4**

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Dalton (Prince Rupert) that the draft 2026-27 calendar be approved as presented."

**Carried**

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

#### 7.1 Statement of Operations January 2026

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Statement of Operations December 2025 report and answered questions from Trustees. There is a positive variance on revenue of \$9202 and expenses at the end of January of \$128,551. Trustees questioned about rental variance.

#### 7.2 2025-26 Amended Annual Budget

##### **Motion 20260217-7.2a**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Horne (Prince Rupert) that all three readings of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 be read at the same meeting ."

**Carried**

### **AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW**

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.

2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$38,803,658 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026.

**Motion 20260217-7.2b**

Beil Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026 be read a first time the 17 <sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026."	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
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**Motion 20260217-7.2c**

Beil Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026 be read a second time the 17 <sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026."	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
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**Motion 20260217-7.2d**

Beil Dalton	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026 be read a third time, passed and adopted the 17 <sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026."	<b><u>Carried</u></b>
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- 7.3 January 2026 Operations Department Report  
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the January 2026 Operations Department report and answered questions from Trustees.
- 7.4 January 2026 Information Technology Department report  
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the January 2026 Information Technology Department Report and answered questions from Trustees.

**8. Committee Reports**

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| 8.1 | Finance & Building Committee   | <b>(Trustees Beil, Maier, Horne)</b> |
| 8.2 | Framework for Enhancing Student Learning<br>Did not meet   | <b>(Trustees Horne, Toye)</b>        |
| 8.3 | Provincial Council<br>Coming up on February 20, 2026.  | <b>(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)</b>     |
| 8.4 | Policy Committee   | <b>(Trustees Toye, Maier)</b>        |
|     | 8.4.1 February 9, 2026, meeting<br>Trustee Beil presented the minutes of the February 9, 2026, meeting of the Policy Committee and answered questions from Trustees. |                                      |

8.4.2 Policies for Approval  
8.4.2.1 7220 – Purchasing and Tendering Policy

**Motion 20260217-8.4.2.1**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the policy 7220 –Purchasing and Tendering  
policy be approved as presented."

**Carried**

8.4.3 Policies for Review  
8.4.3.1 6315– Delegation to the Superintendent Policy  
8.4.3.2 7210 – Annual Budget Policy  
8.4.3.3 7215 – Surplus Policy

**Motion 20260217-8.4.3**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Horne (Prince Rupert) that policy 6315 be deleted."

**Carried**

6315 is outlined in the role of the superintendent – Committee would like to remove this policy

**Motion 20260217-8.4.3**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Horne (Prince Rupert) that policies 7210 – Annual Budget and 7215 -  
Surplus Policy be sent to partner groups for comment and review."

**Carried**

8.5 District Technology Steering Committee  
Have not met

9. **Old Business**

None

10. **New Business**

None

11. **Information Items:**

- 11.1 Board Chairs Call, February 19, 2026  
Chair Toye noted that the Board Chairs call is on February 19, 2026.
- 11.2 Provincial Council, February 20, 2026  
Chair Toye noted that the Provincial Council is on February 20, 2026.
- 11.3 Early Years Fair, February 28, 2026  
Chair Toye noted that the Early Years Fair is on February 28, 2026.
- 11.4 Children;s Festival, March 7, 2026  
Chair Toye noted that the Children;s Festival is on March 7, 2026.
- 11.5 Board of Education Meeting, March 10, 2026  
Chair Toye noted that the Board of Education Meeting is on March 10, 2026.
- 11.6 Spring Break, March 16 to 27, 2026.  
Chair Toye noted that the Spring Break will be on March 16 to 27, 2026.

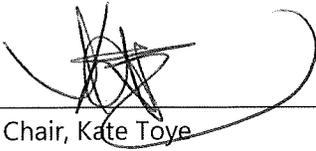
12. **10 Minute Question and Answer Period**

Q – Are Trustees aware that a significant amount of money comes into the District through Remedy for classes that don't fit the collective agreement requirement and that in those classes students cannot learn, they don't feel safe and this is causing teacher burnout leading to medical leave and resignations. The government has more money earmarked for education that is currently being used to support the destruction of education instead of contributing effectively to the general operating funding to contribute to general operating requirements. Per pupil funding needs to increase.

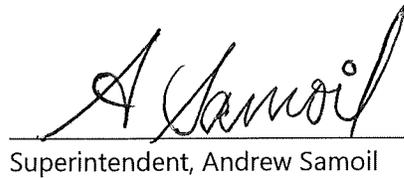
A – Thank you for your comment. We are on the same page and feel the current funding model does not support our students.

13. **Adjournment**

Chair Toye adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Board Chair, Kate Toye

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Samoil', written over a horizontal line.

Superintendent, Andrew Samoil

