

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Regrets:

Chair Toye acknowledged that the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 20260310-1.0a

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

Carried

Amendment under old business

2. Presentation

The Superintendent, Andrew Samoil introduced Jean Marogna and Ammon Kaur to present on the Walking School Bus. This came about due to attendance issues, and they found that some families have difficulty packing up their children some days and getting them to school. A Walking School Bus is an organized group of children who walk to and from school together with the support of one or more leaders. The group walks along a predetermined route with planned stops along the way to pick up more children. This community-based program is free for participants, and the Society for Youth and Children of BC offers it with a paid leader model or a PAC/Parent Volunteer Model. The benefits for children include making new friends, physical and mental health, increased independence, competence and self-esteem and improved school attendance and focus at school.

Trustees thanked them for the presentation and can see the many benefits for students, parents and the community.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the

3.1 Open Board Meeting held February 17, 2026

Motion 20260310-3.1

Beil "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
February 17, 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 February 17, 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 20260310-4.0a

Horne "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
 Dalton (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 February 13, 2026 letter of support from Pacific Blue Cross re: Tumbler
 Ridge Tragedy

5.2.2 February 19, 2026 letter of support for SD 60 from SD 5 re: Education
 Assistant Loan Forgiveness

Motion 20260310-5.2.1

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

Carried

6. Superintendent of Schools Report

6.1 For Board Information:

6.1.1 Enrolment

The Director of Instruction, Carla Rourke reported enrolment is 1764 on
 February 28, 2026.

6.1.1.1 Enrolment graph

Review of graph and trends.

6.1.2 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other

Superintendent Samoil shared that:

The Senior Boys Basketball team attended Provincial Championships on
 March 3-8. The team finished 13th in the province.

Recently, more than 40 French Immersion students participated in the
 Concours d'art oratoire. The contest requires students to write and present
 a 3-5 minute speech in French, helping to strengthen their writing, oral,
 and presentation skills. Grade 11 student Kiri Orton was selected as the
 winner for her speech on the importance of libraries. She will represent
 SD52 at the provincial championships at SFU's Surrey campus in May.

Students in specialized Science 12 learned the process of smoking black
 cod with Ms. Leighton and Mr. Oskey. The group also learned how to
 biosample butter clams with biologists from Triton Environmental
 Consultants for the Metlakatla Stewardship Society. They helped collect
 data and learned about the hydrophone and marine mammals.

Student Voice led an awesome Black History Month celebration! The MPR

was packed with learning and fun all day long. Activities included trivia, games, food, music and henna representing the diverse cultures of the school community. Student leadership stepped up to support this event. Strengthening Connections Career and Education Fair hosted booths in the MPR featuring BC Universities and colleges and First responders. Some grade 4/5 classes from our elementary schools have been skiing at Shames Mountain. Other field trips have included gymnastics and the Acropolis Manor in addition to various sporting events. PRMS held a "Student vs Staff" basketball game on March 4th, skiing on March 6th and will be holding the Medieval Faire for the grade 8s tomorrow (March 11th). Learning updates have gone home around the district last week and this week.

Early Learning & Child Care:

The Early Years Fair was a success! Approximately 150 people were in attendance including children birth to age six, parents, guardians, and grandparents. Community involvement and support for this event is particularly important as many connections were established for families. The next early year's initiative will be Ready Set Learn. A team of Strong Start and Paces Hub coordinators and district staff will be having a brainstorming session to generate changes of format and delivery of R.S.L. The purpose of the change is to have higher participation rates of three- and four-year-olds with their families. The first "Learning Series" session for Kindergarten/Grade 1 teachers, Learning Service teacher and Strong Start/Paces Hub coordinators is on Monday April 13th at 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Kerry Crump from MCFD will be presenting dysregulation strategies through a trauma informed lens.

7. Secretary Treasurer's Report

7.1 Statement of Operations February 2026

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Statement of Operations February 2026 report and answered questions from Trustees. Total revenues of \$17.2 million dollars which is a positive variance of \$34,784. There is a positive variance under other revenue of \$22,000 which comes from the golf tournament fundraiser. Interest revenue is \$14,000 higher than expected. Expenses were \$17.6 million leaving a positive variance of \$43,148. Review of TTOC, EA and salaries in general. There is a small positive variance in employee benefits. \$20,563 positive variance in services and supplies. Net deficit \$762,208 for the period ended at February.

7.2 2026-27 Budget Update

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2026-27 Annual Budget Consultation information and discussed resource pressures and budget priorities. Presented budget comparisons and projections.

7.3 Port Essington Bylaw

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Port Essington Bylaw and recommended to approve this sale.

Motion 20260310-7.3a

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that all three readings of the Disposal of Property
bylaw be read the 10th day of March 2026."

Carried

Motion 20260310-7.3b

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that Disposal of Property bylaw be read a first time
the 10th day of March 2026."

Carried

Motion 20260310-7.3c

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Horne (Prince Rupert) that Disposal of Property bylaw be read a second
time the 10th day of March 2026."

Carried

Motion 20260310-7.3d

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Dalton (Prince Rupert) that Disposal of Property bylaw be read a third time,
passed and adopted the 10th day of March 2026."

Carried

7.4 School Fees and Deposits

Motion 20260310-7.4

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Maier (Prince Rupert) that the School fees and Deposits for 2026-27 be
approved as presented."

Carried

7.5 2026-27 Board Meeting Schedule

Motion 20260310-7.5

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the Board Meeting Schedule for 2026-27 be
approved as amended."

Carried

Move September meeting to September 29, 2026

7.6 January 2026 Operations Department Report
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the report and answered questions from the
Trustees.

7.7 January 2026 Information Technology Department Report
The Secretary-Treasurer presented the report and answered questions from the
Trustees.

8. **Committee Reports**

8.1 Finance & Building Committee **(Trustees Beil, Maier, Horne)**

8.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning **(Trustees Horne, Toye)**
Will be meeting Thursday, March 12, 2026

8.3 Provincial Council **(Trustees Horne, Sanchez)**
Meeting was held on February 20, 2026. Trustee Horne shared a summary of the
meeting.

8.4 Policy Committee (Trustees Toye, Maier)

8.4.1 March 4, 2026, meeting
Trustee Maier presented the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting of the Policy Committee and answered questions from Trustees.

8.4.2 Policies for Approval
8.4.2.1 7210 – Annual Budget Policy
8.4.2.2 7215 – Surplus Policy

Motion 20260217-8.4.2

Beil Dalton	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the policy 7210–Annual Budget policy and 7215 – Surplus Policy be approved as presented."	<u>Carried</u>
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8.4.3 Policies for Review
8.4.3.1 1440– Diversity and Inclusion Policy
8.4.3.2 3510 – School Closure Policy
8.4.3.3 6240 – Annual Board Agenda Policy

Motion 20260217-8.4.3

Horne Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that policy 6240 be deleted."	<u>Carried</u>
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Motion 20260217-8.4.3

Maier Horne	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that policies 1440 – Diversity and Inclusion Policy and 3510- School Closure Policy be sent to partner groups for comment and review."	<u>Carried</u>
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8.4.4 Policy Review for Boards of Education
This is a fabulous resource for the Policy committee from BCSTA

8.5 District Technology Steering Committee
Have not met

9. **Old Business**

9.1 Calendar

Motion 20260310-9.1

Horne Dalton	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that correction will be made to Days of Instruction from 174 to 175."	<u>Carried</u>
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10. **New Business**

None

11. **Information Items:**

11.1 Spring Break, March 16 – 27, 2026
Chair Toye noted that the Spring Break is on March 16-27, 2026.

11.2 Good Friday, April 3, 2026
Chair Toye noted that Good Friday is on April 3, 2026.

- 11.3 Easter Monday, April 6, 2026
Chair Toye noted that Easter Monday is on April 6, 2026.
- 11.4 BCSTA AGM, April 9-11, 2026
Chair Toye noted that the BCSTA AGM is on April 9-11, 2026.
- 11.5 BCSSA, April 16, 17, 2026
Chair Toye noted that the BCSSA is on April 16, 17, 2026.
- 11.6 Board of Education Meeting, April 21, 2026.
Chair Toye noted that the Board of Education Meeting is on April 21, 2026.
- 11.7 Professional Development Day, April 24, 2026.
Chair Toye noted that the Professional Development Day is on April 24, 2026.

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

Q – Pro-D days and Implementation Days are together and can there be differentiation
A – Staff will take that for consideration.

13. **Adjournment**

Chair Toye adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.



Board Chair, K. Toye



Superintendent, A. Samoil

