

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

**M I N U T E S**

**SPECIAL OEPN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

**Thursday, September 3, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

Staff Present: A. Samoil

Regrets: D. Dalton

Vice-Chair Maier acknowledged that the meeting is being held on traditional Ts'msyen territory. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 20260903-1.0**

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

**Carried**

**2. Port Edward Elementary School**

**Motion 20260903-2.0a**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the board direct staff to contact parents, municipal  
council to direct students be moved to school in town until we can  
read the reports."

**Carried**

On Aug 12, Superintendent Samoil and the Director of Operations toured the Port Ed school to investigate why there is cracking and a pronounced heave in the floor. There have been some repairs, but the hallway is not improving. Engineering studies are going on to determine what the problem is. The Board wants to ensure the building is ready for a full compliment of students. The District of Port Edward offered the use of the gymnasium for a classroom. This is not ideal. Would the board require this before approving using the school. Other options are there is room at Roosevelt and students could be bussed there.

**Motion 20260903-2.0b**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the board direct staff to review with our own  
engineer team the results of the engineering report coming through  
the District of Port Edward."

**Carried**

**3. PRMS Name**

**Motion 20260903-3.0**

Beil "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52  
Horne (Prince Rupert) that the board approve for release to the public the  
Gitwaas Community School name for a 30-day review."

**Carried**

A variety of people attended the naming committee meetings. There were approximately 180 names presented. The committee received advice from the Indigenous Language Authority. They wanted to find an Indigenous name that was easy to pronounce.

The two names proposed are:

1. Wileeksm Laxa (Big Storm)
2. Gitwaas (People of the Rain)

Both names are meaningful to our community. A concern is that the first name is not as easily pronounced.

4. **Adjournment**

Chair Toye adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.