

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT)

MINUTES

**REGULAR OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MEETING HELD IN THE BOOTH MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Staff Present: A. Samoil, B. Verissimo, T. Dickens, K. MacIlroy, L. Burger, C. Rourke, A. Lihou, R. Edzerza

Regrets: J. Horne

Trustee Maier 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 20260616-1.0

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

Carried

Addition of bylaw 202601, Bylaw 2026-02 and calendar

2. Presentation

The Superintendent, Andrew Samoil introduced Christine Danroth to present on PCS Indspire trip and Mike McDowall to present on the French Immersion Speaking Competition.

Mike McDowall shared that in August of last year they discussed bringing back concur – the Canada wide French speaking contest. This is an opportunity for students to practice writing in French, speaking and pronunciation skills as well as offering students the experience of speaking French in public. Mike shared a review of the CHSS and PRMS Concurs. Kiri Ortin was able to attend the BC Championships in May, and she represented SD 52 very well. Trustees congratulated Kiri for her presentation and hope to see this program continue.

Christine Danroth and students from PCS received a grant and travelled to Halifax to attend the Indspire conference. Students shared that they observed there was a lot of traditional wear in the crowd. Inclusivity was apparent the entire time. Four students had never flown before and found the experience to be very exciting. This experience pushed people out of their comfort zones and encouraged personal growth. This was an incredibly positive experience for the youth involved. Students found the Indspire trades fair beneficial to see what opportunities out there and how much support is available as well as how many Indigenous leaders there are. Trustees thanked them for their presentation and are thrilled that they were able to experience this.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the

3.1 Open Board Meeting held May 19, 2026

Motion 20260616-3.1

Maier Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the minutes of the open Board meeting held May 19, 2026 be approved as presented".	<u>Carried</u>
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4. **Necessity of Closed Meetings and Agenda**

- 4.1 Approval of Agenda
- 4.2 Approval of Minutes of the In-Camera Meeting held May 19, 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 20260616-4.0

Beil Sanchez	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) that the closed meeting be held and that agenda items 1 through 9 be approved."	<u>Carried</u>
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5. **Correspondence**

- 5.1 Addressed to the Board
None
- 5.2 Copied to the Board
None

6. **Superintendent of Schools Report**

- 6.1 For Board Information:
 - 6.1.1 Enrolment
The Director of Instruction, Carla Rourke reported enrolment is 1776 on May 31, 2026.

6.1.1.1 Enrolment graph
Review of graph and trends.
 - 6.1.2 Upcoming Projects/Learning/Other
Superintendent Andrew Samoil reported on attending the June DPAC meeting. "The group asked some very good questions and their interest in our programs and services is to be commended".
He also attended the CHSS Grad commencement on Friday, June 12th and noted the production was smooth and very professional. "It was great to hear about the varied and interesting plans each grad has in store for the future."
He will also be attending the Pacific Coast Grad ceremonies on Thursday June 18.
In support of the Board Strategic Plan and our district Operational Plan he attended The Large Framework for Enhancing Student Learning meeting on May 28. In that meeting with staff and trustee

representatives, the group examined recent school data and drew conclusion on actions that can be taken in support of student Literacy and Numeracy.

In support of our district strategic plan, he attended the Literacy Framework meeting at Wap Sigatgyet.

In support of Truth and Reconciliation he attended the BCTEA meeting on transportation. Canada will provide an extension to the current transportation funding agreement for one year. The superintendent also reached out to the new executive director of Metlakatla as district staff will need to meet with Chief and Council, along with the Board Chair and trustees to discuss transportation issues for next year.

On June 9 and 10 The Counselling staff in partnership with The RCMP Victim Services, hosted an interactive Safer Space workshop presented by *Children of the Street. (Prevention education from Vancouver)*

Sessions for grades 4-5 and 6-8 focused on online safety, digital trends, and strategies for students in helping them make safe choices when using online apps, social media and video games.

Early Learning & Child Care:

The summer child care program at Conrad Street Elementary School is now at capacity with twenty-four students. Registration rates for all child care programs across the board have gained momentum due to increased parental awareness and advertising. The child care program at Conrad Street Elementary School will run year-round for the 2026-2027 school year. The program will be open for all families who have children enrolled at all board operated programs during non-instructional days, winter (one week), spring (two weeks), and summer (seven weeks) break. This year-round offering will be a "pilot" and will be re-evaluated in June 2027. The ECE Dual credit program for CHSS and PCS students has now completed a fourth year in our district. Nineteen to Twenty students have successfully completed two courses this term. Hecate Strait met with this year's cohort and has offered support with grants and applications to post-secondary institutions to the Grade 12 students who will be continuing with their full Early Childhood Educator certification. This program will be offered again next year for CHSS and PCS Grade 11 and 12 students.

The Draft Annual District Growth Report Kxeen 2025-26 was distributed by Roberta Edzerza for review and questions. The data is a reflection of last year's data. Highlights include the local artists and the programs they have been involved in within the District.

Motion 20260616-6.1.2

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	<u>4 in favor</u>
Maier	(Prince Rupert) that the Annual District Growth Report Kxeen 2025-26	<u>1</u>
	be approved as presented."	<u>abstained</u>
		<u>Carried</u>

7. Secretary Treasurer's Report

7.1 Statement of Operations May 2026

The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the Statement of Operations May 2026 report and answered questions from Trustees. Variances are on par with what we have been looking at the last few months. Labour increase settlements are factors in these differences. Snow removal costs were over budget, which is a main reason why that budget is over.

7.2 2026-27 Annual Budget and Bylaw

Motion 20260616-7.2a

Maier	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil	(Prince Rupert) that the second and third readings and adoption of
	the Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2026-27 fiscal year be read the
	16 th day of June 2026."

Carried

Motion 20260616-7.2

Maier	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil	(Prince Rupert) that the second reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw
	for the 2026-27 fiscal year be read a second time the 16 th day of
	June 2026."

Carried

Motion 20260616-7.2a

Maier	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Sanchez	(Prince Rupert) that the third reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw
	for the 2026-27 fiscal year be read a third time, passed and adopted
	the 16 th day of June 2026."

Carried

ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52 (PRINCE RUPERT) (called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2026/2027 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. The Board has complied with the provisions of the *Act*, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.

2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2026/2027.

3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2026/2027 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$39,096,337 for the 2026/2027 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.

4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2026/2027.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 2026;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 16th DAY OF JUNE, 2026;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 16th DAY OF JUNE, 2026;

- 7.3 May 2026 Operations Department Report
The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the report and answered questions from the Trustees. Four summer students will be working this summer.
- 7.4 May 2026 Information Technology Department Report
The Acting Secretary-Treasurer presented the report and answered questions from the Trustees.
- 7.5 Elections Bylaw
Amendment to the bylaw needed is to the rural, outlying areas.

Motion 20260616-7.5

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	
Maier	(Prince Rupert) that the bylaw 2025-26 01 be rescinded."	<u>Carried</u>

7.6 Election Bylaw 2025-26-02

Motion 20260616-7.6a

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	
Dalton	(Prince Rupert) that all three readings and adoption of Elections Bylaw 2026-26 02 be read the 16 th day of June 2026."	<u>Carried</u>

Motion 20260616-7.6b

Maier	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	
Beil	(Prince Rupert) that the first reading of the Elections Bylaw 2025-26 02 be read a first time the 16 th day of June 2026."	<u>Carried</u>

Motion 20260616-7.6c

Maier	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	
Sanchez	(Prince Rupert) that the second reading of the Elections Bylaw 2025-26 02 be read a second time the 16 th day of June 2026."	<u>Carried</u>

Motion 20260616-7.6d

Maier	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	
Beil	(Prince Rupert) that the Elections Bylaw 2025-26 02 be read a third time, passed and adopted the 16 th day of June 2026."	<u>Carried</u>

7.7 Amended 2026-27 School Calendar

The upcoming year is one of the anomaly years where school starts later and is needed to end on June 30 to meet both the Ministry requirements and the collective agreement. This would include cancelling the September Implementation Day.

Motion 20260616-7.7

Beil	"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52	
Dalton	(Prince Rupert) that the 2026-27 calendar be amended as presented."	<u>Carried</u>

8 Committee Reports

8.6 Finance & Building Committee

(Trustees Beil, Maier, Horne)

8.7 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (Trustees Horne, Toye)
Met on May 28th

8.8 Provincial Council (Trustees Horne, Sanchez)

8.9 Policy Committee (Trustees Toye, Maier)

8.9.1 June 8, 2026, meeting

Trustee Maier presented the minutes of the June 8, 2026, meeting of the Policy Committee and answered questions from Trustees.

8.9.2 Policies for Approval
None

8.9.3 Policies for Review

8.9.3.1 5240– Child Care Policy

8.9.3.2 1140 – Student Reporting Policy

8.9.3.3 1350 – Student Medications Policy

8.9.3.4 2310 – Protection of Students and Maintenance
of Order Policy

Motion 20260616-8.4.3.1

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that policy 5240 – Child Care be sent internally for
review."

Carried

Motion 20260616-8.4.3.2

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the policy 1140 – Student Reporting Policy be
deleted."

Carried

Motion 20260616-8.4.3.3

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the policy 1350– Student Medications Policy be
deleted."

Carried

Motion 20260616-8.4.3.4

Maier "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District No. 52
Beil (Prince Rupert) that the policy 2310–Protection of Students and
Maintenance of Order Policy be deleted."

Carried

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District Technology Steering Committee

Met on June 5th. Members of BCTF, IUOE, Principals. Discussion of moving to EasyConnect and how this will reduce paperwork. Discussion of AI Implementation in our district. We are not rushing to implement this.

9 Old Business

None

10 Information Items:

10.6

PCS Commencement, June 18, 2026

Chair Toye noted that the PCS Commencement is on June 18, 2026.

10.7

National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21, 2026

Chair Toye noted that the National Indigenous Peoples Day is on June 21, 2026.

10.8

Last Day of School, June 25, 2026

Chair Toye noted that the last day of school is on June 25, 2026.

10.9

Administrative Day, June 26, 2026.

Chair Toye noted that Administrative Day is on June 26, 2026.

10.10

First Day of School, September 8, 2026.

Chair Toye noted that the first day of school is on September 8, 2026.

10.11

Board of Education Meeting, September 29, 2026.

Chair Toye noted that the Board of Education meeting is on September 29, 2026.

11 10 Minute Question and Answer Period

12 Adjournment

Chair Toye adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.



Board Chair, Kate Toye



Superintendent, Andrew Samoil

