

SD70 PACIFIC RIM BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MINUTES
5:00 pm – January 12, 2021
Via Zoom – Port Alberni

Trustees P. Craig, S. Leslie, J. Bennie, L. Ransom, R. Buchanan, C. Washington
Administration: G. Smyth, B. Witte, L. Cheetham
P&VP: J. Dawson

Call to Order – 5:00 pm Trustee Craig in the Chair.

Trustee Craig acknowledged the Tseshaht and Hupacasath people on whose territory we live, work and learn.

Questions/Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Agenda of January 12, 2021 be approved with the following addition:

6.3 2020-21 Public Board Meeting Schedule – Greg Smyth

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil

1.0 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Ransom the minutes of December 8, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

2.0 Announcements of the Chair

3.0 Good News from the Schools

4.0 Trustee Statements

- Trustees commented on the various events and meetings which have been cancelled.

5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations

5.1 Letter from the Port Alberni Port Authority requesting support for Floating Dry Dock – presented.

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Board send a letter of support to the Port Alberni Port Authority.

CARRIED

6.0 Staff Reports

6.1 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided his monthly report – *attached*.

6.2 2021/22 School Calendar

The Superintendent present a draft of the 2021/22 School Calendar to be reviewed by the ADTU and submitted to the MoE by March 31st – *attached*.

6.3 2020-21 Public Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Smyth noted that the March 9th Board Meeting needs to be changed due to Spring Break.

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the March 9th Board Meeting be moved to March 2nd.

CARRIED

7.0 Executive Committee Reports

7.1 January 6, 2021

8.0 Unfinished Business/New Business

8.1 2026 BC Summer Games request for support

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Board of Education for School District 70 Pacific Rim endorse Port Alberni bid to host the 2026 BC Summer Games and have agreed to allow the use of school facilities to stage sport competitions and accommodate participants, at no cost to the Board, including the use of school buses to transport BC Summer Games participants, at no cost to the Board.

CARRIED

8.2 District of Tofino Recreation Facility follow-up

Mr. Smyth has spoken to Aaron Rogers and tentatively agreed to discuss further as a small group between January 25-29 via Zoom.

8.3 AW Neill name change consultation follow-up

Mr. Smyth is meeting with the AW Neill PAC to discuss on January 19th.

9.0 Policy Development9.1 Notice of Motion – *P110: Board Procedure*

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Ransom that the Board serve Notice of Motion to amend Policy 110: Board Procedure.

CARRIED

9.2 Notice of Motion – *P130: Committee(s) of the Whole*

Moved by Trustee Leslie and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Board serve Notice of Motion to introduce Policy 130: Committee(s) of the Whole.

CARRIED

10.0 Correspondence – Action Required – Nil**11.0 Correspondence – For Information**

- 11.1 copy of the Ha-Shilth-Sa News dated December 3, 16 and 23, 2020.
- 11.2 copy of the Westerly News dated December 2, 9 and 17, 2020.

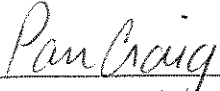
12.0 Board Committees – Nil**13.0 Internal District Committees - Nil****14.0 External or Community Committees**

- 14.1 Port Alberni Museum & Heritage Commission – *Trustee Craig*

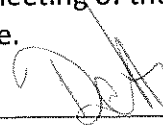
Audience Question Period

- ADTU President Cindy Hewitt thanked Mr. Smyth for the NOM to Committees of the Whole and also asked Trustees to read the letter from the SD5 Board of Education asking that FSA's be eliminated to find another way of assessing students.

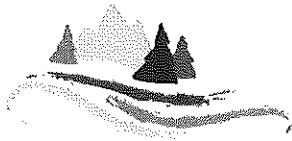
The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:41pm. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on February 9, 2021 at 4:00pm at the Administration Office.



Trustee Craig, Chair



L. Cheetham, Secretary-Treasurer



Superintendent's Report January 12, 2021

International Education

COVID19 travel restrictions have challenged International Student programs across the globe and the Pacific Rim International Student Program has not been immune to the impact of COVID19. In spite of these challenges, Marc Fryer, District Principal for International Education has continued promoting our program, building our agent network, and recruiting International Students in anticipation of the ability to add new students. We continue to have a small number of international students who remained in Canada after the 2019/20 school and who are currently attending school, and we will welcome three new students as of the start of Semester 2. These new students are able to start their educational program as a result of recent revisions to travel protocols and will complete all necessary protocols prior to starting school February 1st. Protocols include a pre-determined self-isolation plan for Canada Border Officials that outlines how, where and for how long an arriving student will self-isolate.

2021/22 School Year Registrations

Registration for the upcoming 2021/22 school year begins on Monday, February 1, 2021. Registration procedures, timelines and required documents are outlined in Policy 500 and various appendices. While the district does not currently use an online registration process, we are exploring ways to reduce in-person registrations as part of practices that reduce the risk of COVID19 in schools. Work is underway to ensure required forms are accessible online and to consider a registration process that accepts registrations electronically. More information will be on the SD70 website in the next week.

FSA Rescheduled

The Ministry of Education has announced revised dates for the 2020/21 Foundation Skills Assessment, compressing the FSA administration dates to February 15 – March 12.

COVID19 and Post-Winter Break Attendance

Attendance is up slightly compared to pre-Winter Break, despite concerns about a potential increase in cases associated with Christmas and New Year celebrations. Some families temporarily withheld their children from classes prior to Dec 18th and teachers provided some classroom-based materials during December. A few families have extended their winter 'wait and see approach' into the new calendar year, cautiously looking at a fourteen-day window from New Years. It's our expectation, though, that this cautionary approach is reasonably over as of the end of this week and that students will be back in classrooms. This is to reinforce that we are not operating a hybrid learning model and requests for classroom-based work packages were provided as we would for short-term absences and not to suggest we are on a hybrid program.