



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

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 March 2, 2021 be approved with the following additions:

- 11.3 copy of letter from the City of Port Alberni
- 11.4 copy of letter from the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil

1.0 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Leslie the minutes of February 9, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

2.0 Announcements of the Chair

- Trustee Craig commented on various events attended this past month.

3.0 Good News from the Schools

4.0 Trustee Statements

5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations

- 5.1 ADSS Breakfast Club – *letter attached.*
- 5.2 Alberni Valley Community School Society – *letter attached.*

6.0 Staff Reports

- 6.1 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided his monthly report – *attached.*

6.2 2021/22 School Calendar

Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the Board approve the 2021/22 School Calendar – attached.

CARRIED

6.3 Expenditures for January 2021

Moved by Trustee Leslie and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the expenditures for the month of January 2021 be approved as follows:

Description	January
Supplies and Services	\$2,143,448.36
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,527,482.94
	\$5,670,931.30

CARRIED

7.0 Executive Committee Reports

7.1 February 17, 2021

8.0 Unfinished Business/New Business - Nil

9.0 Policy Development

9.1 Policy Adoption – P110: Board Procedure

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Board adopt amendments to Policy 110: Board Procedure.

CARRIED

9.2 Policy Adoption – P130: Committee(s) of the Whole

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Ranson that the Board adopt amendments to 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 February 11, 2021.

11.2 copy of the Westerly News dated February 3, 10 and 17, 2021.

11.3 copy of letter from the City of Port Alberni dated March 1, 2021 re: *Notice of Public Hearing.*

11.4 copy of letter from the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council dated February 23, 2021 re: *District Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.*

12.0 Board Committees

- 12.1 Policy and Governance - *Minutes of February 9, 2021.*
- 12.2 Finance and Operations – *Minutes of February 23, 2021.*

13.0 Internal District Committees

- 13.1 BCSTA – *Trustee Craig*
- 13.2 BCSTA – *Trustee Ransom*

14.0 External or Community Committees

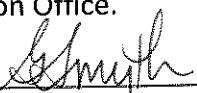
- 14.1 Port Alberni Museum & Heritage Commission – *Trustee Craig*

Audience Question Period

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:37 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on April 13, 2021 at 4:00pm at the Administration Office.



Trustee Craig, Chair



G. Smyth, Superintendent



Superintendent's Report March 2, 2021

Changes to COVID19 Health and Safety Guidelines

Revisions to COVID19 Health and Safety Guidelines have been completed and posted to the SD70 website, and schools have completed and submitted the new Health and Safety Checklist to the District office. These changes were part of revisions to Ministry of Education/BCCDC Guidelines for Schools announced earlier in February.

A Year of COVID19

As we look forward to Spring Break, it is hard not to reflect on where we were 12 months ago and how our personal and professional lives since Spring Break 2020 have not been the same. And it is still not the same: for students, for parents, for schools, for communities. I remain impressed by the resilience of students and staff and how we have attempted to carry on with an educational agenda in the face of many social, emotional, mental health challenges. Attention to social and emotional learning and students' mental health and well-being continue to demand our attention and I am impressed with the systems compassion and commitment to supporting learners during COVID19 times.

The most noticeable difference in schools is the emphasis on in-person learning and use of various systems, structures, and routines to make a student's school life as normal as possible. What cannot be understated, however, is a concern for students who remain out of school since last March and for some of our earliest learners who have yet to experience intentional early learning opportunities that help prepare them for kindergarten entry. It's not just a loss of contact with learning but also a loss of contact with each other and the corresponding impact on our social and emotional growth.

In the upcoming weeks, conversations with schools and with partners will focus on identifying students for whom additional support or services may be necessary to see these students successfully conclude the 2020/21 school year. Central to these conversations will be how to best spend remaining Federal COVID19 monies knowing that it is one time funding unlikely to re-appear next school year.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2021/2022 CALENDAR

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 Vacation Period
 Statutory Holiday