



**Trustees** P. Craig, S. Leslie, J. Bennie, L. Ransom, R. Buchanan, C. Washington, C. Watts  
**Administration:** G. Smyth, B. Witte, L. Cheetham  
**P&VP:** C. Sedgwick, D. Stone, D. Ryan, M. Rhodes

**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 Washington and seconded by Trustee Watts that the Agenda of March 2, 2021 be approved.*

CARRIED

### Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil

#### 1.0 Adoption of Minutes

*Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Leslie the minutes of March 13, 2021 be approved.*

CARRIED

#### 2.0 Announcements of the Chair

#### 3.0 Good News from the Schools

#### 4.0 Trustee Statements

#### 5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations

- 5.1 USS Outdoor Ed – *Mike Rhodes*
- 5.2 ADTU – *Cindy Hewitt*
- 5.3 Bamfield Community School – *Sally Mole*
- 5.4 Wickaninnish Community School – *Drew Ryan*

#### 6.0 Staff Reports

##### 6.1 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided his monthly report – *attached*.

6.2 Professional Days for 2021-22

*Moved by Trustee Bennie and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the Board approve the proposed revisions from the ADTU for 2021-22 Professional Days.*

CARRIED

6.3 Expenditures for February 2021

*Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Washington that the expenditures for the month of February 2021 be approved as follows:*

Description	February
Supplies and Services	\$2,704,961.87
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,862,075.65
	<b>\$6,567,037.52</b>

CARRIED

6.4 BAA – Learning Strategies 11

*Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the Board approve BAA Course Learning Strategies 11.*

CARRIED

6.5 BAA – Teacher Assistant 11

*Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the Board approve BAA Course Teacher Assistant 11.*

CARRIED

6.6 BAA – Teacher Assistant 12

*Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the Board approve BAA Course Teacher Assistant 12.*

CARRIED

**7.0 Executive Committee Reports**

**8.0 7.1 April 7, 2021.**

**9.0 Unfinished Business/New Business - Nil**

**9.0 Policy Development - Nil****10.0 Correspondence – Action Required – Nil****11.0 Correspondence – For Information**

- 11.1 copy of the Ha-Shilth-Sa News dated February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 25, 2021.
- 11.2 copy of the Westerly News dated February 25, March 11, 24 and 31, 2021.

**12.0 Board Committees**

- 12.1 Indigenous Education Advisory – *Greg Smyth*

**13.0 Internal District Committees**

- 13.1 BCSTA Provincial Council/VISTA – *Trustee Craig*

**14.0 External or Community Committees**

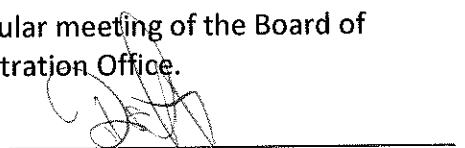
- 14.1 Port Alberni Advisory Traffic – *Trustee Ransom*
- 14.2 Port Alberni Museum & Heritage Commission – *Trustee Craig*

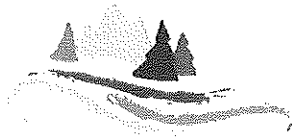
**Audience Question Period**

- ADTU President Cindy Hewitt asked Mr. Smyth if he expects to see more COVID-19 funding for the fall. GS replied that he is not expecting more funding. Ms. Hewitt also asked how the Indigenous Support Teacher positions will be funded. GS replied that the positions are targeted through Indigenous funding.
- CUPE 727 Vice President Andrew Schneider enquired about the status of the current Budget. LC replied that the district was on track on his previous analysis. Mr. Schneider asked if the increase in time for daytime touch point custodians will continue next year. GS replied that the district is following Health & Safety protocols which leads the processes.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:54 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on May 11, 2021 at 4:00pm at the Administration Office.

  
Trustee Craig, Chair

  
L. Cheetham, Secretary-Treasurer



## Superintendent's Report

April 13, 2021

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Welcome Lynn Cook to the Pacific Rim School district as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Lynn brings a wealth of financial and accounting experience to SD70 and we're very pleased to have Lynn to join the district team.

It is unfortunate that our 'COVID Spring' of 2020 was not a one-off but rather a dress rehearsal for a slightly different COVID Spring of 2021. It is certainly better in schools knowing that we are likely to remain in session for the duration of the school year, thereby avoiding the issue of how to assess and report on student performance. Yet the ongoing pandemic presents a lot of the same challenges of last Spring: how to wrap up a school year, how to celebrate Graduation, and how to plan for a September start that may or may not be as we experienced in September 2020. We are at the three-quarters mark of the year: secondary schools transitioning into their final quarter and elementary schools concluding parent-teacher learning conferences. At both levels, our immediate focus is on supporting students to successfully conclude this school year and there is a lot of work being done to identify students who might need some additional support for the remaining 10 weeks.

Where there remains uncertainty about September 2021, there will also uncertainty about how we staff schools this Spring, so we are approaching September staffing very cautiously. We're hopeful that pandemic circumstances will have improved and that it is business as usual in September, but we need to make sure we are not overcommitted in staffing in relation to enrolment/revenues. This might impact on some schools more than others and we're working to confirm intentions from parents who have yet to register their children in either their catchment school or complete an out-of-catchment request.

A very good news story is that construction on Ucluelet Secondary and Elementary schools continues to be on time and on budget. In fact, UES has already seen phase one completed and the re-occupation of some renovated class spaces. The power of a newly renovated space cannot be understated, and staff and students have each commented on the greatly improved learning spaces. Phase 2 will be completed by September 2021. USS is also progressing nicely, and we look forward a year from now when the significantly larger project is near completion.