



**SD70 PACIFIC RIM BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
École Alberni Elementary School**

Pam Craig - Board Chair
Cherilyn Bray – Vice Chair
Cynthia Orr - Trustee
Janis Joseph - Trustee
Larry Ransom – Trustee (via Teams)
Christine Washington - Trustee
Helen Zanette - Trustee
Tim Davie – Superintendent
Peter Klaver – Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Ross - Secretary Treasurer
Greg Roe - Director of Operations
Jaime Hansen – Director of Instruction - Indigenous Education
Paula Mason - Manager of Corporate Services
Craig McAulay – Principal
Ryan Dvorak – ADTU President
Nadine White – CUPE President (via Teams)

Audience Members:

Deserray McClary
Joseph Walter Leskosek
Lindsay Cheetham

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Trustee Joseph

Seconded by: Trustee Bray

THAT the Board of Education adopt the January 23, 2024 Public Meeting agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Trustee Bray

Seconded by: Trustee Orr

THAT the Board of Education adopt the December 19, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes as presented.

Carried

5. Announcements of the Chair

Trustee Craig asked that Principal McAulay extend the Board's thanks to the staff and students of École Alberni Elementary School. She noted that January 23-28, 2024 will be Literacy Week at Tsuma-as Elementary School, mentioned what an enjoyable event the Indigenous-focused Non-instructional Day was had on January 22, 2024, and congratulated students and skilled athletes for their amazing contribution to the Totem event.

6. Good News from the Schools

6.1 School Update - verbal (10 minutes)

Principal McAulay provided an overview of the services his school provides, including many fantastic events/clubs that involve all school staff. He highlighted the use of interactive sensory tools being used in the school, the sensory hallway zone and the Physical Literacy Program with its own space for students. Trustee Craig presented beautiful buttons designed by Chantal Trainer-Mattias, featuring both Indigenous and French designs.

7. Trustee Statements

8. Petitions/ Delegations/ Presentations

9. Unfinished Business/ New Business

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Long Range Facility Plan - public consultation update

Director Roe provided an overview of the report. There were no questions.

10.2 Black Excellence Day

Moved by: Trustee Bray

Seconded by: Trustee Washington

THAT the Board of Education direct staff through the Superintendent, to include Black Excellence Day in our annual school district calendar going forward, and to create ongoing awareness through website and media posts each year.

Carried

10.3 Indigenous Focused Non-Instructional Day

Director Hansen provided an overview of the day's events, including the pre-event planning. She highlighted the Circle Training hosted by Deb Masso that occurred before the event and looks forward to exploring how to use this practice in schools going forward on a regular basis. Thanks to the Nations for granting permission to continue with the event.

10.4 Budget Update

Secretary Treasurer Ross presented Trustees with the impact of the December funding announcement, advising them that the block funding had increased by \$108,000 since preliminary projections. The February and May counts have not been done yet, but Ms. Ross is working on the final presentation to be given at the February 2024 Public Board Meeting.

11. Policy Development

11.1 Policies to go out for Public Consultation

11.1.a XXX: Jordan's Principle Policy

Moved by: Trustee Bray

Seconded by: Trustee Joseph

THAT the Board of Education direct staff through the Superintendent, to publish the draft Jordan's Principle Policy for a period of 30 days for public consultation.

Carried

11.1.b XXX: Environmental Stewardship Policy

Moved by: Trustee Bray

Seconded by: Trustee Joseph

THAT the Board of Education direct staff through the Superintendent, to publish the draft Environment Stewardship Policy for a period of 30 days for public consultation.

Carried

11.2 Policies for Adoption

11.2.a School Trustee Code of Conduct Policy

Moved by: Trustee Bray

Seconded by: Trustee Washington

THAT the Board of Education adopt the School Trustee Code of Conduct as presented.

Carried

12. **Notice of Motion**

13. **Correspondence- Action Required**

14. **Correspondence- For Information**

14.1 2024-01-08 City of Port Alberni Council Summary

14.2 Bylaw P1487 - RE23007 Referral Package

15. **Executive Committee Reports**

15.1 01-17-2024 Executive Committee Meeting - cancelled

16. **Internal District Committees**

16.1 2023-12-12 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

16.2 2023-12-12 Finance, Assets & Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

16.3 2024-01-09 Education Committee Meeting Minutes

16.4 2024-01-09 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

17. **External Board Committees**

17.1 2023-12-05 - ACRD Emergency Network Meeting Minutes

17.2 2024-01-03 Alberni Valley Museum and Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

18. **Audience Question Period**

Joseph Walter Leskosek mentioned that he will Google Jordan's Principle to find out more information about its history.

19. **Next Meeting**

20. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer