



**PACIFIC RIM SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
Administration Office Board Office, Port Alberni**

Pam Craig - Board Chair
Cynthia Orr - Vice Chair
Cherilyn Bray- Trustee
Janis Joseph - Trustee
Larry Ransom – Trustee (via Teams)
Chris Washington - Trustee
Helen Zanette - Trustee
Peter Klaver - Superintendent
James Messenger - Assistant Superintendent
Michell Bennett - Director of Instruction, Inclusive Education
Jaime Hansen - Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education
Michelle Colyn – Manager of Language and Culture
Greg Freethy - District Lead, Career Education Programs
Paula Mason - Manager of Corporate Services
Ryan Dvorak - ADTU President
Nadine White - CUPE President (via Teams)
Sean Peterson, PVPA Representative

1. **Call to Order/Land Acknowledgment**
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Trustee Craig

Seconded by: Trustee Bray

THAT the Board of Education approve the November 4, 2025 Education Committee agenda as presented.

Carried

4. **Petitions/Delegations/Presentations**
5. **Unfinished Business**
6. **Emergent Issues**

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Email Signature & Land Acknowledgements (10 minutes)

Manager Colyn provided an overview of her report, reviewing sample email signatures that reflect the wishes of how Nations would prefer to be mentioned. It was suggested that we should investigate whether we could add a QR code that directs people to the language part of our website to assist with learning and pronunciation.

7.2 Career Preparation (15 minutes)

Mr. Freethy presented his report, adding that he'd like to ask for more course options from NIC in Port Alberni, for example we need 24-hour daycare to support Healthcare workers. He clarified that we have WorkSafe, Food Safe and Basic First Aid awareness available for students before they go out to work in the community, which supports them in transferrable skills.

7.3 Inclusive Education Update (30 minutes)

Director Bennett provided an overview of her report.

7.4 Anti-Racism Response / Guide

Director Bennett provided an overview of her report, sharing the actual working binders with Trustees.

7.5 Learning & Innovation Update (15 minutes)

President Dvorak spoke to the heavy workload ADTU members have and commended their ability to do the job in the time they have. He also commended Mr. Messenger on trying to solve the impossible, despite it being an overall provincial system angst. He noted that local issues are being addressed, but non-local issues are not being tackled. PVPA Representative Mr. Peterson commented that our teachers are feeling very supported. Superintendent Klaver mentioned that Mr. Messenger and Ms. Bennett's topics in the Operational Plan flow directly from the Board's Strategic Plan goals.

President Dvorak left the meeting at 4:58pm.

7.6 FireSmart BC launches Wildfire Safety Curriculum for schools (BCSTA Weekly) (5 minutes)

Mr. Messenger provided an overview of his report.

7.7 New legislation for increased child care by school districts (15 minutes)

Superintendent Klaver noted that he has no further information about this other than what he provided. He noted that it doesn't impact us right now, that some districts were provided funding to run a pilot project, but we were not one of them. Once it hits the Committee of Legislature we'll likely know more.

8. **Correspondence - For Information**

9. **Next Meeting**

10. **Adjournment**

Trustee Craig displayed a beautiful poetry book produced by USS students, including content from her granddaughter Sidney Craig.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer