



**SD70 PACIFIC RIM BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Wickanninish Community School
431 Gibson Street
Tofino BC V0R 2Z0**

Pages

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Questions of Agenda/Approval of Agenda for DATE**
That the Agenda for April 11, 2023, be approved as circulated.
- 3. Conflict of Interest Declaration**
- 4. Adoption of Minutes of March 7, 2023** 3
That the minutes of March 7, 2023 be approved.
- 5. Announcements of the Chair**
- 6. Good News from the Schools**
- 7. Trustee Statements**
- 8. Petitions/ Delegations/ Presentations**
 - 8.1 Bamfield Community School Association Budget Presentation** 7
- 9. Staff Reports**
 - 9.1 The Superintendents Monthly Report**
The Superintendent will present the monthly report.
 - 9.2 Strategic Plan Update**
The Superintendent presented an update on the Strategic Plan
 - 9.3 Capital Plan Update** 8
The Acting Secretary Treasurer will present an update on the 10 year capital plan

That the Board of Education approve the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Program) for 2023-24 in the amount of \$28,102,065.
That the Board of Education approved the proposed Five-year Capital Plan (Minor Capital Program) for 2023-24 in the amount of \$2,715,000.
That the Board of Education enact, as follows:
 1. The Capital Plan Bylaw of the Board for the 2023/24 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s)

specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated March 9, 2023, is hereby adopted.

1. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as School District Pacific Rim Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD70-01.

9.4 2023-24 Preliminary Funding Update 10

The Acting Secretary Treasurer will present an update on the 2023-24 preliminary funding update.

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The Acting Secretary Treasurer will present the 2023-24 Cost of living adjustments

9.5 2023-24 Preliminary Budget Update

The Acting Secretary Treasurer will provide an verbal update of the 2023-24 preliminary budget.

10. Unfinished Business/ New Business

10.1 Add Hoc Committee for Bursaries and Awards

10.2 Trustee Recognition Dinner

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12. Correspondence- Action Required

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15. Internal District Committees

16. Audience Question Period

17. Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at TIME. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on May 23, 2023 at 5:30 in the Administration Office,



PACIFIC RIM SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes March 7, 2023 – 5:00 pm Administration Office

Trustees:

Pam Craig, Board Chair
Janis Joseph
Helen Zanette
Cherilyn Bray
Larry Ransom
Chris Washington
Cynthia Orr

Administration:

Tim Davie
Peter Klaver
Barbara Ross
James Messenger
Greg Roe
Carla Neville
Greg Roe

Ryan Dvorak ADTU President, Andrew Schneider CUPE Vice President

Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we work and learn on the ha-houlthees of the Hupačasath, Huu-ay-aht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Tseshaht, and the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Nations.

Call to Order 5:10 and Land Acknowledgment

Approval of Agenda for March 7, 2023

Conflict of Interest Declaration

1.0 Adoption of Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the Public Board of Education meeting held on February 14, 2023 be adopted.

**Moved by: Trustee Bray
Seconded by: Trustee Washington
Carried Unanimously**

2.0 Announcements of the Chair

Upcoming Events

3.0 Good News from the Schools

4.0 Trustee Statements

- Trustee Ransom shared that ADSS and USS Basketball teams are both going to provincials

- Trustee Zanette expressed gratitude to NEW workers and all of the work that they are doing towards Truth and Reconciliation. She also expressed gratitude to all school admin staff and NEW workers for their depth of knowledge of their students and their work towards Truth and Reconciliation.
- Trustee Washington - we attended the VISTA meeting and the presentation that Pam and Tim put together about the board and it was very well done.

5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations

- 5.1 Budget presentation Alberni Community School Society Lunch Program
- 5.2 Budget presentation from ADSS Breakfast Club

6.0 Staff Reports

- 6.1 The Superintendent will give a monthly report.

Tim Davie

- 6.2 The Acting Secretary Treasurer will present the expense report for December, January, February.

	December	January
Supplies and Services	\$2,481,024.24	\$1,626,668.71
Salaries and Benefits	3,686,200.12	4,146,029.82
Total	\$6,167,224.36	\$5,772,698.53

Moved by: Trustee Washington
Seconded by: Trustee Ransom
Carried Unanimously

7.0 Correspondence – Action Required

- 7.1 Harris & Co. Scholarship Donation of \$200

Motion to respond to Harris & Co

Washington/Bray - carried

8.0 Correspondence – For Information (Receive and File)

9.0 Unfinished Business/New Business

10.0 Adoption of the Minutes for Internal Committees

- 10.1 February Policy Committee of the Whole Minutes

Motion to adopt the Policy Committee of the Whole Minutes

Moved by: Trustee Washington
Seconded by: Trustee Bray

Carried Unanimously

10.2 February Education Committee of the Whole Minutes

Motion to adopt the Education Committee of the Whole Minutes

Moved by: Trustee Joseph

Seconded by: Trustee Orr

Carried Unanimously

11.0 Internal District Committees

12.0 External or Community Committees

- 12.1 BCSTA Provincial Council Agenda
- 12.2 BCSTA Provincial Council update on child care
- 12.3 Heritage Commission Report
- 12.4 Agriculture Development Committee Minutes
- 12.5 Table of Partners Minutes

13.0 Policy Development

13.1 Notice of Motion

The Policy Committee of the Whole, recommends that the Board of Education of SD70 Pacific Rim, receive the following policies and circulate for 30 days for public consultation.

- 1. Policy 113 Policy Development
- 2. Policy 300 Records Management
- 3. Policy 310 School Closure
- 4. Policy 320 Conveyance of Students
- 5. Policy 330 Disposal of District Property or Facilities
- 6. Policy 331 Disposal of Surplus or Obsolete Equipment
- 7. Policy 340 Accumulated Operating Surplus
- 8. Policy 341 Budget Development, Monitoring and Reporting
- 9. Policy 710 Health and Safety Committee
- 10. Policy 711 Health and Safety: Violence in the Workplace
- 11. Policy 301 Inclement Weather/Tsunami Warning
- 12. Accessibility Policy
- 13. Newcomer Students with Refugee Experience
- 14. Policy 530 School Fees and Student Hardship

Moved by: Trustee Washington

Seconded by: Trustee Bray

Carried Unanimously

13.2 **Motion**

The Policy Committee of the Whole, recommends that the Board of Education of SD70 Pacific Rim, adopt the following policies that have been put out for public consultation for 30 days.

1. Anti-Racism Policy
2. Child Care Policy
3. District Student Advisory Council
4. Employee Conflict of Interest Policy
5. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Policy
6. Non-Discrimination Policy
7. Truth and Reconciliation Policy

Moved by: Trustee Bray
Seconded by: Trustee Washington
Carried Unanimously

14.0 Audience Question Period

The public asked about the Agenda not being posted. The Board chair apologized and will ensure that it is posted in the future. She also stated that the public should not hesitate to ask for a copy at the beginning of the meeting.

15.0 Adjournment 6:00



Bamfield Community School Association Petition Request for SD70 Public School Board Budget Input Meeting

March 7, 2023 in Port Alberni *or*
April 11th, 2023 at Wickaninnish Community School

Submitted 03/01/2023

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To the School District 70 Board of Trustees,

My name is Jaslyn, and I have the honour of living and working in Huu-ay-aht territory, serving the Anacla and Bamfield community as Coordinator of the Bamfield Community School Association (BCSA). I would like to present to the public and School Board Trustees at one of the upcoming Budget Input Meetings: March 7th in Port Alberni, or April 11th on the West Coast (preferred).

In the meeting, I will provide an overview of the activities, impact, and crucial role of the BCSA. I will identify how SD70 funding for the BCSA is currently being used, and present a request for increased CommunityLINK funding in the 2023-2024 year, reflecting the increased school population, the expanded age ranges that the BCSA is serving with programming, and to answer the need in our school and community for more connections between students, supportive mentors, and engaging programs.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you, share stories from our school and community, and deepen the wonderful working relationship between School District 70 and the Bamfield Community School Association.

All the best,
Jaslyn Haberl



PACIFIC RIM SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 REGULAR BOARD MEETING ACTION SHEET

Date: April 11, 2023
To: Board of Education
From: Barbara Ross, Secretary Treasurer
Subject: 2023-24 Capital Plan

Background

At the June 2022 Regular Board Meeting and the September 2022 Regular Board meeting, Trustees discussed and approved the 2023-2024 Capital Plan (Major in June, Minor in September) for submission to the Ministry of Education and Childcare. We have since received a Capital Plan Response Letter awarding projects totaling \$1,357,740

Information

The Major Capital Plan filed in June requested \$28,102,065 for a Partial Replacement (Seismic). The motion required at this time is:

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Program) for 2023-24 in the amount of \$28,102,065.

The Minor Capital Plan filed in September requested \$2,715,000. \$165,000 was for the Playground Equipment Program (PEP). \$2,550,000 was for the School Enhancement Program (SEP). The motion required at this time is:

THAT the Board of Education approved the proposed Five-year Capital Plan (Minor Capital Program) for 2023-24 in the amount of \$2,715,000.

The Capital Plan Response Letter, dated March 9, 2023, provides approval of \$1,357,774 in grant funding, which includes one PEP request and two SEP requests. To access this funding, the Board will require approval of a Capital Plan Bylaw.

THAT the Board of Education enact, as follows:

1. The Capital Plan Bylaw of the Board for the 2023/24 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated March 9, 2023, is hereby adopted.
2. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as School District Pacific Rim Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD70-01.

Staff is prepared to answer any questions Trustees may have on these projects.



PACIFIC RIM SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 REGULAR BOARD MEETING INFORMATION SHEET

Date: April 11, 2023
To: Board of Education
From: Barbara Ross, Secretary Treasurer
Subject: 2023-24 Preliminary Funding Announcements

Background

On March 15, 2023, the Ministry released the Estimated Operating Grants for 2023/24 “the block”, as well as the Summary of Other Grants. The Ministry announcements are attached.

Information

The Ministry has increased the per student rates to incorporate

- labour settlement increases in 2022-23
- 4% increases for exempt employees in 2022-23
- 5.5% of the 2023-24 bargained increases.

The grants do not reflect the potential 1.25% related to any Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). Once the COLA is determined, separate grants will be announced. The grants also do not include any additional increases for exempt employees, as the Ministry has not yet determined how to proceed. Should grants be provided, they will be separate from “the block”.

Other grants that are not yet announced are the Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF) Remedies Grant (which is calculated based on actual October remedy costs in each district) and the new School Food Programs Fund (to be expected soon).

These funding announcements are largely based on the February 2022 enrolment projections submitted by the district. It is estimated that enrolment will increase by 16.1875 FTE. Also attached are a couple of analyses on the funding announcements themselves. Staff will be prepared to answer any questions.



PACIFIC RIM SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 REGULAR BOARD MEETING INFORMATION SHEET

Date: April 11, 2023
To: Board of Education
From: Barbara Ross, Acting Secretary Treasurer
Subject: 2023-2024 Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Background

While the Ministry of Education and Childcare has released the “block” funding announcement for 2023-2024, that announcement did not include the Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) negotiated by bargaining units.

Information

Districts received the attached notification from the Public Sector Employers’ Council (PSEC) advising that the 1.25% COLA would be approved. Pending the funding announcement from the Ministry, these amounts will be added to the revenues and salary/benefit budgets for the upcoming year.

There is still no indication on how the Ministry will proceed with funding for exempt increases.



SD70 PACIFIC RIM BOARD OF EDUCATION

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

April 4, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Administration Office

Committee Members: Pam Craig - Board Chair
Janis Joseph Trustee
Larry Ransom Trustee
Christine Washington Trustee
Cherilyn Bray Trustee
Cynthia Orr Trustee
Helen Zanette Trustee

Staff Present: Tim Davie Superintendent
Peter Klaver Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Ross Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Ryan Dvorak ADTU President
Andrew Schneider CUPE Vice President
James Messenger Director of Instruction and Innovation
Nadine White CUPE President
Darcy Phipps DPAC President
Greg Roe Director of Operations
Stacey Manson District Principal - Early Learning
Jaime Hansen - District Principal - Indigenous Education
Michell Bennett Director of Instruction and Inclusion
Marc Fryer - District Principal International Education
Carla Neville Manager Administrative & Contract Services

Staff Absent: Michael Gough Manager of IT/Data Management
Ian Caplette NTC Director of Education, Training and Social Development

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment

The meeting was called to order at 4:01

2. **Introductions**
3. **Review of Agenda**
4. **Business Arising from Past Discussion**
5. **Staff Reports**

5.1 2023-24 Preliminary Budget Review

The Acting Secretary Treasurer along with the managers of each department presented the 2023-24 Budget

6. **Next Meeting**
7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer

Table of Partners Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 @ 9:30 am
Zoom Meeting

Participants:

Penny Cote, Chairperson, ACRD EA "D" Director	Deb Haggard, CPA Councillor
Marcie DeWitt, ACHN Coordinator	Rachelle Cole, BCEHS
Vaida Siga, ACRD EA "C" Director	Ellen Frood, Sage Haven
Nicole Uzelman, PAACL	Alisha Pauling, Island Health
Larry Ransom, SD70	Natasha Dumont, Island Health
Debra Hamilton, ADAPS	

Regrets: Edward Johnson, Sandra Allison, Shawn Anderson, Mollie Law, Curt Smecher, Jaslyn Haberl, Brooke Wood

Guests: Jordan Higgins (Alberni Valley CBYF Youth Engagement Facilitator),
Toni Buston (West Coast Youth Engagement Facilitator),
Helen Zanette (School District 70 Trustee),
Lesley Wright (Literacy Alberni)
Mary Catherine Williams (UWBC)

ACRD Staff: Kerri Waugh

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

The Chairperson recognized the meeting is being held throughout the Nuuchahnulth territories.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

The Agenda for the March 15, 2023, meeting was approved.
The Minutes of the February 15, 2023, meeting were approved.

3. ACHN REPORTS

a. Coordinator Update

Marcie DeWitt reported on activities that she was involved in since our previous meeting, as outlined in the agenda package.

Highlights:

- Worked on getting the CHN annual gathering planned with the Vancouver Island Community Health Network Coordinators.
- Completed the Municipal Presentations in both Port Alberni and Tofino.
- Planning with CBYF Community Facilitators in order to complete an impact statement report on the youth work that was done this past year.
- Moved forward with the UBCM second stage Poverty Reduction Grant Application – met with Literacy Alberni and White Raven Consulting to put together the application.
- Put on the Alberni Valley Allyship training which was well attended and received.

b. UBCM Poverty Reduction Stream 2 – Building Equity Proposal

- Application has gone out to Community Partners, some minor edits to be made but otherwise application is accurate as to what will be submitted.

c. Communities Ending Poverty Summit Planning

- Summit being held April 25-27, 2023.
- Opportunity for the Health Network to have two free seats from our membership to Tamarack Communities Ending Poverty Community of Practice.
- If there are additional individuals interested in this summit they can receive a discounted rate of \$200 per registrant. Noted interest from Deb, Alisha, Nicole, Laurie, Jaslyn, Ellen and Penny.
- Able to host a regional watch party but this would require registering individuals and meeting together in a physical location.

MOVED: R. Cole

SECONDED: E. Frood

THAT \$1,200 in expenses from the capacity building funds be used to ensure that our community members can attend this conference through our Tamarack Communities Ending Poverty membership.

CARRIED

4. ACHN UPDATES

a. BC Poverty Reduction Strategy

- Hoping to share the survey and get input where necessary by mid-April.
- Sage Haven happy to hold small group sessions at their drop-in centre.
- Look into having something hosted at the West Coast Resources Society lunch that they provide and have someone there to physically gather data from people who have experienced poverty.

b. Island Health Contract Amendment

- Just came in last month, Island Health has funds that they have distributed to the Health Networks, each have received \$50,000 in funding, this is on top of the 36,258.86 that was distributed in late 2021/22.
- Some of these funds were built into the Poverty Stream 2 grant application anticipating assisting the ability of some of the programs and projects.
- Opportunity to look at the areas that have had to be scaled back.
- Mary Catherine: Need to keep pushing Island Health to recognize that there needs to be an increase in dollars overall so that contractors can be paid a fair wage and have the hours to do the work that they need to do.
- Penny: Will continue lobbying to the province to make sure Health Networks are supported, and funding will continue to increase as needed.
- Marcie will follow up with Penny and Wendy around planning for that amount and figuring out how that may look in the future.

c. April ACHN Meeting

- Opportunity to host the April 19th ACHN ToP meeting on the west coast. It would be a hybrid meeting from 10am to 12pm with lunch provided.
- Looking at Ty-Histanis if we can get tech figured out, backup would be Ucluelet or Tofino.

d. Communities Building Youth Futures

Toni:

- Two youths on CBC because of the youth space opening in Tofino.
- April 14th Youth Leadership group is hosting a youth forum at the Community Centre in Ucluelet.
- School just received \$50,000 Island Health Wellness grant for their wellness programs.
- Met with Pacific Rim Arts Society who were looking for involvement with their summer event. The youth are organizing their own cedar weaving event.
- Youth space in Tofino is coming along.
- Also supporting with the coalition in partnership to do a strategic planning with youth worker group. Ideally will come out with a youth nonprofit or social enterprise.

Jordan:

- 'Youth of Now' conference took place yesterday at the Barclay Hotel, had about 40 youth come out who were very engaged.
- The workshops offered included:
 - ❖ 'Dealing with Stuff that Sucks' – Discussing emotions, youth were given grounding tools to use in daily life.
 - ❖ 'Safer' – Discussing harm reduction and staying safe while out partying. Conversation around harm reduction in alcohol, nicotine, and cannabis.

- ❖ 'Altering your Narrative' – Youth took old books and turned them into burn journals.
- ❖ Overdose Alertness Training – 8 youth were trained in naloxone administration.
- ❖ Allyship and Activism
- ❖ 'Soul Goals' – focused on helping youth create goals such as what makes you feel good and what can you do each day to achieve these goals.
- ❖ Drum making with Sherri Cook
- ❖ Tree of life pendants – Spoke about symbolism behind it.

- Kuu-us Crisis Line Society, Nu-u-chah-nulth Child & Youth Services, and Nu-u-chah-nulth Tribal Council were there sharing resources.
- ADAPS staff hosted the workshops.
- Will start compiling everything to put out to the public for advocacy. Discussion around bringing a summary of the even to Council.

Marcie:

- Recently discussed how youth facilitators can start gathering information and start bringing it to Council.
- Submitted application for next round of funding, draft is in agenda.
- Moving forward well for the next year, have some surplus from the current year.
- Another gathering coming up in May in Saskatchewan.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Regional Member Updates

Vaida:

- Concerns about burnout for the west coast people due to multiple sources of funding coming in. A lot of volunteerism and small jobs as opposed to having a coordinated effort and paid employment for the hard workers.

Rachelle:

- Will be holding a naloxone training at the high school on April 19th.
- Will be holding a community wellness series:
 - Monday, April 10th – World Health Day Walk, community walk, will provide refreshments, will also be doing blood glucose, blood pressure and other vitals.
 - Wednesday, May 3rd – Mental health break, having an event at 5pm at the Community Centre,
 - Monday, June 19th – Men's health month, going to do a chat and workshop for men and their health.
- Email Rachelle if you'd like to participate.
- Looking at another series for the fall.

Natasha:

- Working on getting education out to public health nurses as teams are reintegrating into full scope public health work post pandemic.
- Post-Partum Depression training occurred; all offices now have trained facilitators.
- Touch points training next week for representatives from each office. This session is focused on South Island Health Units. Touch points is around relational ways of working with families and supporting families around child development and parenting.
- Port Alberni now has a post-natal group for families with children 0-12 months.
- Meeting with Anne Weeks from west coast, will have discussions on how they can partner and get public health back in supporting groups on the west coast.
- Spring booster for Covid-19 announced provincially with a focus on seniors and people with medical vulnerabilities.

Mary Catherine:

- Poverty Reduction – Staples back to school gift card program was rolled out over the winter. Three organizations in the Alberni-Clayoquot area received \$4,250 worth of gift cards to distribute to families.
- Period Promise campaign continues, next campaign is starting in April/May this year.
- Able to offer micro grants of \$500 to organizations in the CMVI region to purchase period products. If any organizations are interested in the \$500 micro grant to purchase period products for your agency, get in touch. Trying to move more to funding rather than product so people can choose what they need to purchase.
- Yearly community investment grants – This year will do a rollover of last year's grants.
- New Provincial Director of Indigenous Programming, Andrew Callicum started in the fall. Was able to distribute \$800 in funding to Indigenous Nations. Used trust-based philanthropy to distribute the funds, the successful grant applicants were chosen by lottery.
- BC211 is part of United Way, reminder to organizations to update information on the BC211 platform.

Penny:

- Attended Breathe and Weave Health Summit – Waiting for reports to come back, will pass through Marcie to share with partners.
- AVICC convention is April 14th to 16th. Happy to have the Health Network participate as a presenter. Have youth coming, wanting to engage them with local government. Will be with AVICC in Victoria right after that for advocacy days.
- In budget right now at the Regional District, will be getting the money from the province before the end of the month.
- The library (VIRL) has received a large funding source from the province.
- April 4th to 5th attending BC Housing forum that UBMC is putting on to help identify the housing needs and how we can roll out the housing supports. The province is mandating that we all increase our housing stock.

Alisha:

- Island Health Board Executive came to do several site visits including a tour of the Community Health Services building.
- Co-facilitated a presentation about community health services. Dr. Allison did a presentation that has been posted online by Island Health.
- The whole region is undergoing a home support improvement project, it's about improving the experience of our clients in the community and increasing home support hours to help people remain in their homes as long as possible, it's about improving the employees experience as well. The Ministry has given mandates to all organizations to ensure that they're optimizing and streamlining processes. They're called 'home support hubs', it's a consistent group of community health workers who have the flexibility to support unplanned care needs. It will be spreading across the organization starting in April.
- Starting to go to Overdose Prevention Sites to have a clinic for clients that require service, will start at the end of the month. Discussion around what it will look like with the Bread of Life and expanding that service.

Lesley:

- Lots of big planning towards teaching goal for decolonization and stigma reduction.
- Have been invited to speak at the national conference in PEI about decolonization and antiracism.
- Working on getting educational programs ready to go to offer to the community.

Nicole:

- Port Alberni Association for Community Living - In February Children Services hosted several preschools and childcare centres.
- FASD keyworker did a presentation about the work that she does in the community and on how people can access her services.
- Pathways program has a fundraiser on now to support clubhouse called 'Growing Smiles'.

Ellen:

- Waiting to hear on sexual assault response grant, about 70 communities identified based on Stats Canada data that would need a program such as this and there's around 50 that will be funded.
- Have responded to over 60 sexual assaults, only approximately 20% are reported.
- Housing project of 22 units is underway, roof is on, windows are in, anticipate taking over in the beginning of September. Located by Glenwood Centre.
- March 27th going to Ottawa to participate in summit hosted by Canadian Women's Foundation and Women and Gender Equality Canada called 'Shockproofing Communities'.
- Have outreach person in high schools, both 8th Ave and the High School 1 day per week each, able to be a great advocate and resource for the students.

Larry:

- Met with Education Committee February 28th, focus is on student health and wellness, and mental health.

- Spoke about various activities in the district. Maquinna has a lunch time math club, currently one of the district goals is to improve math capabilities of students.
- Spoke about international educational and the opportunity for outbound students to go to other countries and to bring more students in to SD70.
- Ian Caplette brought forward a future topic about decolonization of Indigenous education.
- Had a language and culture class for several district staff members on NTC languages.
- Going on west coast tour to participate in a Tla-o-qui-aht Nation culture presentation on the program that they're unveiling as a cultural awareness, educational, and tourism opportunity in April.
- Topic of smoking and vaping came up, lots of concerns in the district about decriminalization of street drugs. Risks to communities with needles discarded, staff are doing sweeps on school grounds. The feeling is that decriminalization will lessen the urge for users to discard drugs and paraphernalia.
- Attended BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council meeting in February. Most of the discussion was around childcare, mental health, diversity, equity and inclusion. Also discussed meaningful transitions for Indigenous students. A motion was put forward to the Ministry to continue the funding for the student and family affordability fund.
- Discussed Universal Food Programs, motion will be brought forward to April meeting.
- February 22nd Pink Shirt Day was recognized.
- March 3rd & 4th Board, and staff attended the Vancouver Island School Trustee Association AGM spring conference.
- March 7th Public Board Meeting, they're continuing to work on their strategic plan process also focusing on policy development.

Debra:

- Reported a couple key items that will impact youth services, had an extension to Health Canada programs for another year, serving the sensitive age group, ages 10-13.
- Island Health resiliency grants have identified our youth peer support training program as something that has value. Great training manual and key mentorship and job shadow opportunities for youth in the community.
- Hosting the McCreary Youth Foundation, Youth Homelessness Health and Wellness Survey, it hasn't been done since 2014, ADAPS has a comprehensive plan to address youth housing in the community. Will have report from McCreary in the summer. Soft launch right now, official launch next week and it'll run through to the end of April. McCreary plan will be extended regionally.
- 'Youth of Now' conference held yesterday, the number of nonprofit hours from our partners cannot be understated.

Debbie:

- City of Port Alberni is also going through budget, very challenging this year with the rate of inflation. People aren't happy but trying to cover cost, not trying to do any special projects.
- Hired new CAO Michael Fox, started March 15th.

Helen:

- SD70 in the process of organizing a student advisory group.
- Attended indicators of success, Indigenous focused, students' success program.
- Trustees going to an AGM in April.
- Many grants available online: Island Health grants, TELUS Friendly Future Foundation, <https://www.friendlyfuture.com/en/foundation/apply-for-funding> offers funding for different health related and student and youth groups. Bounce back coaching free program with CMHA, <https://bounceback.cmha.ca/>.

MEETING ADJORNED

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.

The next meeting of the Table of Partners will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 10am in person on the West Coast (location TBA) and via Zoom.

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SD70 Pacific Rim April 11, 2023

Heritage Commission Report Wed April 5, 2023

Highlights: (items from the Heritage Commission pertaining to SD70):

1. **Community Arts Council** - Student Art Exhibit – “Grad at the Grove” – June 1 to 23 – Meet and Greet June 3 – 1pm to 3pm. Current exhibit ‘Climate Change’. Spring Raffle in place. Book sale fundraiser scheduled for May at Athletic Hall. Solstice Arts Festival June 17 , 11am to 6pm.
2. **Industrial Heritage society** – Elementary School Tours on going – students are shown several different pieces of equipment with activity stations and a craft. Father’s Day event being organized in conjunction with the AV Museum. ‘Two-Spot Bell’ stolen – GoFundMe page available to assist with installation of more security. Antique Truck Show Labour Day Weekend and ‘No.7 Steam Locomotive Festival at the Roundhouse in early August.
3. **Maritime Heritage Society** – Open hours Thursday through Sunday 11am to 4pm. New acquisition of a piece of submarine cable from the Bamfield to Port Alberni line – historical information being prepared to accompany cable artefact. Grand Banks Dory (wooden rowboat) being built with hand tools only – work being done by Chris Johnson, site manager, on Thursdays for public viewing. Lighthouse siding repairs are extensive and will cost \$50,000.00.
4. **Chamber** – 10km Run April 5, over 400 participants and over 700 attendees – very successful and will become a prime destination for this event every year.
5. **City of PA** – new CEO Michael Fox in place. Rail Trail Agreement between the City and Island Corridor released – this will enable construction of a public use pathway within the Island Corridor Foundation Rail corridor – not rack will be removed. Temporary Expanded Service area use extended to permit patios to continue to operate in PA.
6. **AV Museum** – George Clutesi exhibit soft opening Mr. 18 – Official opening Sat April 22 at 2pm. School and Public programming for the Clutesi exhibit are available.

DRAFT MINUTES: Agricultural Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, 9:30-11:15am via Zoom

Meeting ID: **891 4871 1463** Passcode: **624987**

In Attendance:

Heather Shobe (Ag Support Liaison)
Anna Lewis (Ag Support Liaison)
Victoria Lake (Effingham Oyster)
Ann Siddall (Chair; Fall Fair)
Helen Zanette (SD70 Trustee)
Helene Dufour (Island Health)
Lisa Aylard (Stonehaven Farm)
Amy Needham (ACRD staff)
Tanya Shannon (The Cabins)
Fred Boyko (Beaufort Electoral Director)
Alex Taylor (Shelter Farm)
Thom Odell (Ministry of Agriculture)
Jen Cody (NTC) arrived at 10:15

Regrets:

Bob Collins (Arrowvale Farm)
Janette Cormier (Happy Hollow Farm)
Kate Smith (Port Authority, the Dock+)
Erika Goldt (TUCG)
Cathy Burkosky (Avalon Farm)
Cynthia Orr (SD70 Trustee)

Meeting called to order at 9:30

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Acknowledgement of traditional unceded territory
- Roundtable of introductions

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lisa Aylard moved *"To adopt agenda as presented"*.
Victoria Lake seconded. All in favour. Motion carries.

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Fred Boyko moved: *"To adopt minutes as presented"*.
Tanya Shannon seconded. All in favour. Motion carries.

3. UPDATES

- Growers Guide

Anna

- Will be a 16-page booklet (same as the 2018 version).
- 10 000 copies will be distributed
- will include the Westcoast
- price for a farm ad is \$60.74
- Anna will distribute poster as soon as AV News updates

- Island Good Licenses

Anna via Pat Deakin

- <https://islandgood.ca/>
- Vancouver Island Economic Alliance still has \$1,250 from the City of Port Alberni for application to Island Good licenses here, so please spread the word.
- The average license is \$250 and they are available for first time users for a period of one year so people can decide if it has value for them.
- Island Good is any product made or grown on Vancouver Island.
- lots of social media promotion and events; great opportunity if you need to get more reach.

- Agri-food Staffing/Program Needs

Heather

- discussed briefing paper on key roles and future program needs
- Important that the ACRD reply to recommendations from the ADC and/or AAC. This person would be responsible to ensure that there is follow through and things get done.
- ACRD Board of Directors has voted in favour of creating this position but budget still has to pass.
- Public education needs to be highlighted. Especially around bylaws.
 - In the past (decades ago) the Alberni Farmers' Institute had a subcommittee that would act as a mentorship committee when issues arose. Bylaws and enforcement vs. mentorship and a peer group.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Shelter Farm meal kits

Victoria/Alex

- Victoria and Alex are coordinating to develop some meal kit ideas. Yummy! Rockafellar oysters on the menu.
- Looking for others with products that might work. Cheese, butter, other ideas welcome!
- It was suggested that a list of ingredients might be easier rather than what people have.

- Fall Fair 2023! Ann

 - Theme of the fall fair: Feathers, Fur & Fun
 - Sept. 7-10th
 - There will be half a building to fill with ag related items.
 - Would like to expand on the farmgate stand promotion and incorporate agrotourism.
 - AFI would like to be involved. Perhaps a Then and Now display incorporating old black and white photos.
 - Farmers' Markets could be asked to participate.
 - Could incorporate a "This is how you make _____" display
 - Map of the valley out of food items. Could be a contest....
 - Would like to see more people trying to engage folks as not very exciting when it is just a static display.
- New funding announced by province

 - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023AF0019-000324>
 - The Province is investing more than \$200 million in food security to ensure people have better access to an increased supply of affordable, local food.
 - Will invest in new and enhanced programs to strengthen B.C.'s food supply chain and expand local food production from producers to processors and from packers to retailers.
 - The ministry will also be investing in Indigenous communities to help with the availability and cost of food and to improve local food security, particularly in remote and rural communities. The funding will also help agricultural producers and food processors grow their businesses and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events.
 - Awaiting details as to how funds will be distributed.
- Spirit Square Farmers' Market Heather

 - Teresa O'Neill (SSFM manager) is seeking community groups for seedling sale; vendors; business sponsors for music program. Connect with Teresa via email at ssquarefarmersmarket@gmail.com
 - 1)Need more vendors (one offs encouraged!)
 - have found out people are going out of town to utilize BC Farmers Market Nutrition coupons as the demand for local food is going up and not enough offered at the SSFM.
 - 2)Seedling sale will be 3 consecutive weeks in May (6th, 13th, 20th).

-During those 3 weeks they are thinking that community groups could set up in the center of the square at no charge. Please share with organizations that might be appropriate.

3) Looking for business sponsors for music during the market.

-Typically they receive a small amount of funding from the Community Investment Program. This year they received the tent but no money for music.

- Virtual meeting of Farmers' Institutes across the province Heather
-could be facilitated through Systems Change program.
-Jan. 27th event that happened in Abottsford showed a strong interest in revitalizing Farmers' Institutes.
-MoA is updating the FI website right now.
-province convened in person event in 2018. This could be a micro-online version of this.
-District A Farmers' Institute encompasses Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. President: Ben Glassen Vice President: Allan Rubain Secretary: Janet Thony.
Currently coming up with a list of items/concerns for the Ministry of Ag.
-Ministry has appointed a superintendent of Farmers' Institutes and Angela Boss will be stepping into this role. There will be more of an effort to support FIs and there will be supports around getting appropriate governance.

5. OPEN FLOOR FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 125 birthday party Anna
-occurred on Saturday the 18th
-approximately 35 people in attendance.
- Spring Fling Homesteading Event Tanya
-Will occur at Beaver Creek Hall on May 14th, 11am-3pm
-assortment of vendors and fun: homemade, handmade, homestead goods
- Chicken Workshop Alex
-resident farmer project received a grant from the City.
-Sarah Rymer will facilitate a workshop on chickens. Late April/May.
- ACRD Council for the Agricultural Water Supply Anna
-Contract is complete and final report submitted
-The ACRD BOD has voted to have this council continue indefinitely

- Island Health - Cost of Eating Report Helene
-the publication has been delayed until after the Easter Long weekend

6. NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, April 25th via Zoom 9:30-11:15
- Tuesday, May 23rd via hybrid plus lunch at the ACRD 11:15-1pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:59am