
**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 (ALBERNI)
September 11, 2018
Port Alberni, Port Alberni, B.C.**

Trustees P. Craig, P. Dahlquist, R. Buchanan, L. Ransom, G. Aujla, J. Bennie
Administration: G. Smyth, B. Witte, L. Cheetham, G. Roe, J. Hitchings, Peter Klaver
P&VP: S. Petersen

Call to Order – 7:00pm 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 Bennie and seconded by Trustee Jones that the Agenda of September 11, 2018 be approved with the following additions:

- 10.1 Request for a letter of support
- 11.3 Letter from Dr. Paul Hasselback
- 14.2 BCSTA – Trustee Craig

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil

1.0 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Ransom that the minutes of June 12, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

2.0 Announcements of the Chair

- Trustee Craig announced that this is the last meeting in Port Alberni for Trustee Dahlquist as she will not seek re-election.

3.0 Good News from the Schools/ School Inquiry Project - Nil

4.0 Trustee Statements

- Trustee Craig attended Huu-ay-aht Graduation Ceremony and EJ Dunn Kindergarten Orca event in August.

- Trustee Buchanan mentioned that the knitting program starts again at EALC for the 8th year.

5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations - Nil

6.0 Staff Reports

6.1 Audited Financial Statements 2017-18

Lenora Lee and Kylie Lowe from KPMG presented their report on the 2017-18 Financial Statements. Mr. Cheetham reviewed the 2017-18 Financial Statements.

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Dahlquist that the board approve the 2017-18 Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

6.2 Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent provided his monthly report – *attached*.

6.3 Expenditures for May 2018

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Jones that the expenditures for the month of May 2018 be approved as follows:

Description	May
Supplies and Services	\$669,792.04
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,459,881.64
	\$4,129,673.68

CARRIED

6.4 Expenditures for June 2018

Moved by Trustee Dahlquist and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the expenditures for the month of June 2018 be approved as follows:

Description	June
Supplies and Services	\$845,959.02
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,847,999.65
	\$4,693,958.67

CARRIED

6.5 Expenditures for July 2018

Moved by Trustee Bennie and seconded by Trustee Aujla that the expenditures for the month of July 2018 be approved as follows:

Description	July
Supplies and Services	\$787,745.04
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,993,763.99
	\$2,781,509.03

CARRIED

6.6 ADSS Travel Club

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Dahlquist that the board approve the request from the ADSS to travel to France and Spain for Spring Break 2020 at no cost to the board.

CARRIED

7.0 Executive Committee Reports

7.1 September 5, 2018.

8.0 Unfinished Business/New Business – Nil

9.0 Policy Development

9.1 Notice of Motion – P101: Diversity and Inclusion

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the board serve Notice of Motion to introduce P101: Diversity and Inclusion.

CARRIED

9.2 Notice of Motion – P150: Employee Long Service and Retirement Recognition

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Aujla that the board approve the amendments to P150: Employee Long Service and Retirement Recognition.

CARRIED

9.3 Policy Adoption – P340: Accumulated Operating Surplus

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Dahlquist that the board approve the draft policy P340: Accumulating Operating Surplus.

CARRIED

10.0 Correspondence – Action Required

10.1 Request for a letter of support from the Alberni Low-Energy Housing Society.

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Jones that the board send a letter of support to the Alberni Low Energy Housing Society.

CARRIED

11.0 Correspondence – For Information

- 11.1 copy of the Westerly News dated August 22 and 29, 2018.
- 11.2 copy of the Ha-Shilth-Sa News dated August 30, 2018.
- 11.3 copy of letter from Dr. Paul Hasselback.

12.0 Board Committees - Nil

13.0 Internal District Committees - Nil

14.0 External or Community Committees

- 14.1 Port Alberni Advisory Traffic – Minutes of July 18, 2018.
- 14.2 Port Alberni Museum & Heritage Commission – Minutes of September 5, 2018.
- 14.3 BCSTA – Trustee Craig.


15.0 Audience Question Period

- ADTU President Ken Zydyk thanked Trustee Dahlquist for all her work on committees which they both sit on. Mr. Zydyk asked if it will be mandatory this year for students to take the FSA. Mr. Smyth expects all students to write the FSA, same practice as last few years. Mr. Zydyk expressed his concerns about the amendment to P150: Employee Long Service & Retirement Policy and the draft Policy 101: Diversity & Inclusion. Mr. Zydyk will send a letter outlining ADTU's concerns once the Notice of Motion is received.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on October 9, 2018 at Bamfield Community School at 3:00 p.m.



Trustee Craig, Chair



L. Cheetham, Secretary-Treasurer



Superintendent's Report September 11, 2018

Week 1

Generally, a busy yet smooth start to the school year. The week of September 4-7 saw schools use a variety of staggered starts to create the most welcoming environment for students. As of Monday, regular routines were in place across the district including regular bus routes. Bus routes will be reviewed at the end of September with a view to ensuring the most effective and efficient method of transporting students to/from school.

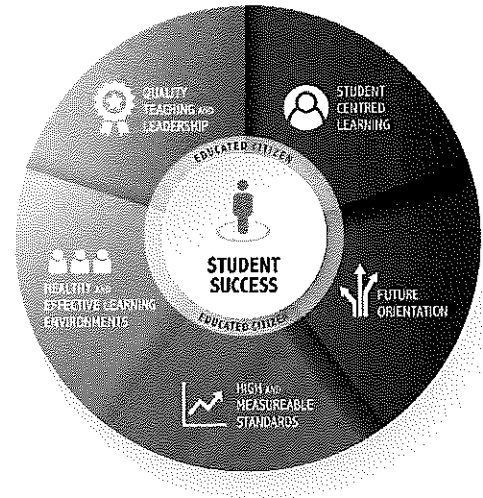
Enrolment/Student Registration

As of Friday, September 7th, total enrolment in SD70 was approximately 3700 students which is fairly consistent with recent years but still slightly lower than projected last Spring. There continues to be a little movement between elementary schools and in/out of secondary programs but this is quite normal for the first couple of weeks of September.

Ministry & District Update

The Ministry of Education's Policy for Student Success aims to align the education system's vision, legislated mandated and the work of all board of education to further student success.

The Mandate for the School System – including both the characteristics of an educated citizen as well as goals relating to intellectual, human and social, and career development – guide SD70's improvement efforts and are supported by the five core areas highlighted in the Ministry's Student Success graphic (right). The Mandate for the School system can be read in its entirety at:



https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/legislation-policy/legislation/schoollaw/d/oic_128089.pdf

At a District level, we have begun to deepen the dialogue with school leaders on two key topics: innovation in schools and education for the future. The former considers the school reconfiguration goals of equity of programming across all elementary schools and whether this is either desirable or sustainable three years into our K-7 reconfiguration.

Also, driven by an increased emphasis on competencies provincially and internationally, we continue to reflect on revised provincial curriculum as well as the OECD's Education 2030 Framework to help prepare students for their future. This "future orientation" places the 1989 definition of an Educated Citizen in a new context and aligns with the Ministry's Policy for Student Success. You can read the OECD document at:

<http://www.oecd.org/education/2030/learning-framework-2030.htm>

Equity Scan

SD70 is pleased to have been selected to join Wave 2 of the Ministry-sponsored Aboriginal Equity Scan. The Equity Scan is led by the Ministry of Education's Scott Benwell and Caleb Child and is intended to engage the school district and indigenous partners in an exploration of Indigenous learner success in SD70. As the name implies, the focus of the Equity Scan is on equity – of access and of performance – of indigenous learners in SD70 and will serve as a solid foundation to support revisions to the District's Enhancement Agreement.

School Liaison Officer

The school year starts with School Liaison Officer Cst. Jamie Wasylien recalled to general duty through the first part of the school year. When this happened previously both City Hall and RCMP detachment received considerable backlash at the apparent elimination of both an important school resource and a highly valued individual. In a meeting late August Inspector Hunter reiterated his support for both the position and the person and advised me that the redeployment was motivated solely by staffing challenges and intended to be temporary until vacant general duty positions could be filled.

Premier's Excellence Awards

Congratulations to ADSS teacher Anne Ostwald on being one of three finalists for the Premier's Excellence Awards in the Social Justice category. Ms. Ostwald is well known for her ongoing work with ADSS's Social Justice class and more recently as teacher-leader with the SOGI initiative. Excellence Award recipients will be announced at Government House October 5th.