



**SD70 PACIFIC RIM BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MINUTES
5:00 pm – December 8, 2020
Via Zoom – Port Alberni**

Trustees P. Craig, S. Leslie, J. Bennie, L. Ransom, R. Buchanan, C. Watts, C. Washington
Administration: G. Smyth, B. Witte, L. Cheetham
P&VP: D. Homan

Formal Call to Order – Lindsay Cheetham

Superintendent Greg Smyth assumed the chair and asked for nominations for Board Chair.

Election of Chair

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Ransom that Trustee Craig remain as Board Chair.

CARRIED

Call to Order – 5:03 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 Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the Agenda of December 8, 2020 be approved with the following addition:

5.1 City of Port Alberni 2026 BC Summer Games Bid

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil

1.0 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Bennie and seconded by Trustee Washington that the minutes of November 10, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

2.0 Announcements of the Chair

3.0 Good News from the Schools

4.0 Trustee Statements

- Trustee Craig praised the recent Indigenous Education Newsletter.
- Trustee Craig highlighted upcoming events through the Heritage Commission.

- Trustee Ransom reminded everyone of the upcoming ADSS Musical Theatre Production of Shrek.

5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations

5.1 City of Port Alberni 2026 BC Summer Games Bid

Staff will explore the request with both the Games Committee and District staff/school administrators and will report back to the Board in January to make a decision.

6.0 Staff Reports

6.1 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided his monthly report.

6.2 COVID-19 Funding

The Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer will provide a summary of the expenditure of Provincial and Federal COVID-19 funding – *attached*.

6.3 Expenditures for November 2020

Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the expenditures for the month of November 2020 be approved as follows:

Description	November
Supplies and Services	\$1,785,005.76
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,593,152.29
	\$5,378,158.05

CARRIED

6.4 Statement of Financial Information

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2019-20 SOFI report. The Report will be posted on the website.

6.5 Committee Appointments for 2020

Committee Appointments have been reviewed by the Board and appointments have been confirmed.

7.0 Executive Committee Reports

7.1 December 2, 2020

8.0 Unfinished Business/New Business**8.1 AW Neill Name Change**

The Superintendent reported that he will attend the next AW Neill PAC meeting to review the process and decision to change the school name. Next steps will be to refresh the conversation about alternate names and start the consultation with the school community and beyond. A decision will be rendered in the Spring for rollout in September.

8.2 Air Quality Monitoring

The Superintendent followed-up with Catalyst who currently has an air quality monitoring station on the roof of AES. It might be possible to share data, otherwise permission is granted to install.

8.3 AES Parking/Ramp

Mr. Smyth noted that the priority is to revise the parking/bus loop/drop off plan that will address the accessibility issue.

8.4 EJ Dunn Crosswalk

Mr. Smyth reported that the EJ Dunn administration has not been made aware of the need for another crosswalk. He also noted that neither Sweet, McNaughton or Argyle Way have sidewalks to link to a future crosswalk.

8.5 SD70 Brand

The District needs a new branding in line with the change of name to Pacific Rim. He suggested an RFP process that invites submission or proposals for a new logo. The logo should include geographic and Indigenous representation as well as regional history.

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

11.1 copy of the Westerly News dated November 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2020.

11.2 copy of the Ha-Shilth-Sa News dated November 5 and 19, 2020.

12.0 Board Committees – Nil**13.0 Internal District Committees**

13.1 BCSTA/VISTA – *Trustee Craig*

14.0 External or Community Committees

14.1 Port Alberni Museum & Heritage Commission – *Trustee Craig*

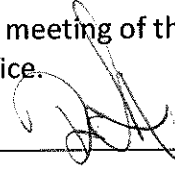
Audience Question Period

- CUPE Vice President Andrew Schneider asked for clarification on COVID-19 expenditures.
- ADTU President Cindy Hewitt expressed her gratitude for everyone's patience during this time.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 12, 2021 at 4:00pm at the Administration Office.



Trustee Craig, Chair



L. Cheetham, Secretary-Treasurer

Supplemental COVID19 Funding

- SD70 (Pacific Rim) received supplemental provincial and federal money to support a safe return to school
- Dollar figures below reflect actual expenditures to date as well as projected expenditures in relation the September 2020 allocation. Final expenditures may vary slightly from projections.
- Provincial priorities and amounts were predetermined in the Safe Return to School Grant; Federal priorities granted more discretion to school districts
- Generally, provincial and federal money went to supporting in-class, Distributed Learning, and home learning transition programs; and enhanced cleaning in schools.

Provincial COVID19 Safe Return to School Grant

SD70 Allocation: 306,186

Priority	Amount	Description
Masks/Shields	15 091	
Hand Hygiene	65 176	
Technology	26 198	• connectivity
Cleaning Supplies	36 248	
Cleaning Frequency	163 473	• additional custodial and touchpoint cleaning
	306 186	

Federal COVID19 Safe Return to Class Grant

SD70 Allocation: 681,963

Priority	Amount	Description
Learning Resources & Learning Supports	473 039 28 673	• Teachers & Support Staff (DL, Home Support, Classrooms) • Technology (laptops, connectivity)
Health and Safety	31 179 84 638 10 420	• Enhanced cleaning • Cleaning Supplies • PPE
Transportation	54 013	• Additional WC bus run
Before and After School Care	0	
	681 962	