

**SD70 (ALBERNI) BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MINUTES
5:00 pm – March 10, 2020
Administration Office, Port Alberni, B.C.**

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

Call to Order – 5:08 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 Ransom and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the Agenda of March 10, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil

1.0 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Watts that the minutes of February 11, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

2.0 Announcements of the Chair

- Trustee Leslie has assumed the role of Vice-Chair for the eight-month rotation.

3.0 Good News from the Schools - Nil

4.0 Trustee Statements

- Trustees commented on various events in the district.

5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations

- 5.1 ADSS Breakfast Club – *Mel Burton*
- 5.2 ADSS Safe Club – *Anne Ostwald*

6.0 Staff Reports

- 6.1 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided his monthly report - *attached*.

6.2 ADSS Travel Club

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Board accept in principle the request for the ADSS Travel Club to travel to Japan for Spring Break 2021 at no cost to the Board.

CARRIED

Trustee Ransom voted in the negative.

6.3 School Calendar 2020-21

Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the Board approve the School Calendar for 2020-21 as presented – attached.

CARRIED

6.4 USS/UES Project

The Superintendent presented the Architect’s renderings of the USS and UES project and provided explanation of the plans.

7.0 Executive Committee Reports

7.1 March 4, 2020.

8.0 Unfinished Business/New Business

8.1 School/District Renaming

The Superintendent discussed next steps in the process of renaming AW Neill and School District 70 which would include consultation with the Tseshaht and Hupacasath and the Association of Japanese Canadians regarding a new name for AW Neill as well as dealing with Trustee Ransom’s tabled motion on February 11th.

Discussion took place regarding Trustee Ransom’s tabled motion.

Moved by Trustee Bennie and seconded by Trustee Ransom to lift the motion on the floor regarding changing the District name to SD70 Alberni – Pacific Rim.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the Board change the District name to SD70 Alberni - Pacific Rim.

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Watts that the Board change the District name to SD70 Pacific Rim.

CARRIED

Trustee Bennie and Trustee Ransom voted in negative.

9.0 Policy Development

9.1 Policy Adoption – P 134: Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Board approve the amendments to P134: Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

9.2 Policy Adoption – P 600: Curriculum Implementation

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the Board approve the deletion of P600: Curriculum Implementation.

CARRIED

9.3 Policy Adoption – P 602: Communicating Student Learning

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Watts that the Board approve P602: Communicating Student Learning.

CARRIED

9.4 Administrative Procedures – AP 3000: Emergency School Closure

This AP has been updated.

10.0 Correspondence – Action Required

11.0 Correspondence – For Information

11.1 copy of the Westerly News dated February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2020.

11.2 copy of the Ha-Shilth-Sa News dated February 13 and 27, 2020.

12.0 Board Committees - Nil

13.0 Internal District Committees

14.0 External or Community Committees

14.1 Port Alberni Advisory Traffic – *Trustee Ransom*

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

14.3 BCSTA Provincial Council/VISTA – *Trustees Craig and Ransom*

Audience Question Period

- ADTU President Cindy Hewitt asked questions relating to the agenda to which the Superintendent replied.

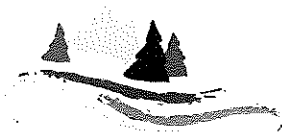
The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:31p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on April 14, 2020 at Wickaninnish Community School at 5:00 p.m.

Pam Craig

G. Smyth

Trustee Craig, Chair

G. Smyth, Superintendent



Superintendent's Report March 10, 2020

COVID – 19 (Coronavirus)

Issues, concerns and challenges relating to the Coronavirus:

ADSS and USS trips abroad have been cancelled.

- ADSS's trip to France and Spain was cancelled last week due to health risks relating to European travel
- USS's Global Studies trip to Guatemala was cancelled this morning – hours before students were to depart the West Coast – after it was learned recently-introduced Guatemalan entrance screening might result in students/chaperones being quarantined and separated from travelling companions. Cancellation, then was more about general student and staff safety in the light of COVID-19 precautions than about the actual virus.

Letter to staff, students and parents was distributed and posted yesterday, emphasizing proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, and focusing on ensuring sufficient supplies of soap, hand sanitizers and paper towels

- Public concerns about the lack of soap and hand towels at ADSS have been addressed but the problem is now one of procurement
- Hand sanitizer is now almost impossible to purchase, and alcohol-based wipes are, in some cases, backordered.
- No additional or deep cleaning or disinfecting is required at this time but will be considered as and when necessary

The Ministry of Education has a Pandemic Response Framework that was developed in 2009 in response to the H1N1 virus and where there are fears of community transmission.

- While the closing of schools is generally the Ministry of Education's responsibility, school closures for public health reasons falls under the purview of the local Medical Health Officer (MHO) and the Provincial Health Officer (PHO)
- Lesser or limited authority to close schools also resides with the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools where there they believe the health and safety of students is at risk
- There is also limited and conflicting evidence of the effectiveness of school closures in preventing and/or limiting the transmission of illness
- Accordingly, all decisions are made in consultation with Provincial and regional health authorities, who are better positioned to work with national and international health authorities in the event of a pandemic

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2020/2021 CALENDAR

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Instructional
 Non-Instructional
 Vacation Period
 Statutory Holiday



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March 10, 2020

Dr. Jack Hitchings
Director of Instruction – Learning Services
Board of Education of School District #70 (Alberni)
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Port Alberni, B.C.
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Dear Dr. Hitchings:

As per the March 4, 2020 meeting, the A.D.T.U. Professional Development Committee would like to submit the following potential Professional Development Day dates to School District 70 for the 2020 - 2021 school year:

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| Friday, October 23, 2020 | (PSA Day) |
| Monday, November 16, 2020 | (School Based Day) |
| Friday, February 12, 2021 | (School Based Day) |
| Friday, April 23, 2020 | (LSA Day) |
| Monday, May 10, 2021 | (School Based Day) |

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ALBERNI DISTRICT TEACHERS' UNION,

Christine Tardif
Professional Development Chair