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

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

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 Watts that the Agenda of December 13, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil

1.0 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the minutes of November 13, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

2.0 Announcements of the Chair

3.0 Good News from the Schools/ School Inquiry Project

3.1 Nuu-chah-nulth Language

Teacher Moira Barney introduced students who gave a traditional Nuu-chah-nulth welcome introduced themselves in their language. Ms. Barney was accompanied by Adam Werle and Geena Sutherland.

3.2 World Tsunami Awareness Trip

Teacher Nicole Hamaguchi and students highlighted their recent trip to Japan to attend a conference on Tsunami awareness and how it relates to Port Alberni and SD70.

4.0 Trustee Statements

- Trustees commented on various events around the district.

5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations - Nil**6.0 Staff Reports**

6.1 Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will provide his monthly report – *attached*.

6.2 School Plans

Administrators from Maquinna Elementary, Wood Elementary and Eighth Avenue Learning Centre presented their school plans for 2018-19.

6.3 Expenditures for October 2018

Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the expenditures for the month of October 2018 be approved as follows:

Description	October
Supplies and Services	\$1,058,196.15
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,427,475.25
	\$4,485,671.40

CARRIED

6.4 Statement of Financial Information

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the SOFI Report for 2017/18.

6.5 ADSS Band Trip

Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Washington that the board approve the ADSS Band request to travel to Washington, Oregon and California April 17-22, 2019 at no cost to the board.

CARRIED

7.0 Executive Committee Reports

7.1 November 21 and December 5, 2018.

8.0 Unfinished Business/New Business – Nil**9.0 Policy Development**

9.1 Policy Adoption – *P150: Employee Long Service and Retirement Recognition*

Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the board approve the adoption of Policy 150: Employee Long Service and Retirement Recognition.

CARRIED

10.0 Correspondence – Action Required - Nil

11.0 Correspondence – For Information

- 11.1 copy of the Westerly News dated November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2018.
- 11.2 copy of the Ha-Shilth-Sa News dated November 15 and 29, 2018.

12.0 Board Committees - Nil

13.0 Internal District Committees - Nil

14.0 External or Community Committees

- 14.1 Port Alberni Museum & Heritage Commission – *Trustee Craig.*
- 14.2 Port Alberni Advisory Planning – *Trustee Washington*


15.0 Audience Question Period

- ADTU President Ken Zydyk thanked Mr. Smyth and Trustees on amendments to the Employee Long Service and Retirement Recognition Administrative Procedure and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 8, 2019 at the Administration Office at 7:00 p.m.



Trustee Craig, Chair



L. Cheetham, Secretary-Treasurer



Superintendent's Report December 11, 2018

Early Years Centre

Ministry of Children and Families (MCFD) has announced that funding for the Alberni Valley Early Years Centre (AVEYC) located at EJ Dunn Elementary School will not continue beyond March 31, 2019. The announcement is consistent with the original three-year funding commitment and confirms earlier signs that funding for all Early Years Centres would not exceed the initial three-year plan. Instead, MCFD has issued a number of Request for Proposals for regional approaches to supporting the MCFD Early Years Framework.

The AVEYC will continue to operate using school district funds as it provides meaningful support to children and families, and offers rich opportunities to partner with community agencies, service providers and institutions. District staff will be working with AVEYC staff to develop a long-term strategic plan to ensure successful operation in the absence of MCFD funds, including a potential submission under MCFD's RFP process.

Child Care in SD70

While MCFD's Early Years Framework continues to incorporate structures and strategies to support children and families, the mandate for child care in BC has been given to the Hon. Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care. Minister Chen spoke at the recent BCSTA Trustee Academy, confirming opportunities for school districts to play a more sizeable role in providing infant/toddler, pre-school and before/after school care. SD70 has a number of current child care partnerships and will continue to explore options to increase supports to children, families and communities.

Winter Break

I would like to acknowledge the many staff and parent volunteers who devote significant time helping schools celebrate the season. Concerts, performances and luncheons are probably the most notable, but there are many other less public events that help students, families and schools through what can, in some cases, be a very challenging season for some families.