



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting January 13th, 2016 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to honour the four nations on whose traditional land we live and learn: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepmec, and the Syilx. We respectfully acknowledge indigenous people, recognizing that our students come to us with Aboriginal ancestry from a variety of ancient homelands.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, and Savage

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President, Jill Zacharias, Social Development Coordinator, City of Revelstoke Social Development Committee and Jewelles Smith, Local Action Team Project Lead, Revelstoke Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use (CYMHSU) Collaborative, and 1 member of the media

Regrets: Trustee Rorstad

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16: R-01 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee MacFarlane expressed his gratitude to Trustee Chell for his many years of service on the Revelstoke Board of Education as well as his many years of service as board chair.

16: R-02 Savage/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 9th, 2015, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Jill Zacharias, Social Development Coordinator, of the City of Revelstoke's Social Development Committee and Jewelles Smith, Local Action Team Project Lead, Revelstoke Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use (CYMHSU) Collaborative presented. Ms. Zacharias began by providing a handout of Collaborative Activities to Date and provided an overview of how the CYMHSU came to be formed to support at risk children and youth. She noted that the school district is the strongest partner of the program, and that the CYMHSU has seen an increase in membership (23 attended the last meeting) and in partnerships within the community. She added that the involvement of local physicians has been an excellent addition to the Collaborative. The CYMHSU has core funding in place until March of 2017 with goals to; build it's capacity beyond 2017; strengthen connections with regional services, and increase it's ability to reach out to children and youth who are not in school. The CYMHSU will be measuring the impact of the initiatives and plans to map community services to ensure that everyone in the community is aware of available resources.

Jewelles Smith then provided a handout of the CYMHSU's Revelstoke Chartlet noting that some of the "LAT Charter Objectives" set out in the Chartlet are provincial objectives and some were already in place. The "Specific Aims" are the larger aims of the CYMHSU and include the tasks of the Project Lead. Partnerships and training are a priority with one example being the Mental Health First Aid workshop held in partnership with the school district. There were 30 participants in the Mental Health First Aid Workshop and Jewelles Smith is following up with the participants to "measure" the impact of the workshop. Ms. Smith added that the Collaborative is being opened up to elementary schools, and that she has met with elementary school principals, the elementary counselor and two Parent Advisory Councils.

Trustees thanked Ms. Zacharias and Ms. Smith for the presentation and the work of the CYMHSU. They also noted the importance of reducing stigma associated with mental health issues among children and youth.

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration report noting the Options for Sexual Health clinic will be starting in February. It will run once a week for an hour in the neighbourhood of learning space in the counseling area. He highlighted the weekly assemblies held at each of the elementary schools that celebrate student success and noted the leadership of the school staff in preparing for the assemblies. He brought trustees attention to the upcoming presentations by Merlyn Horton of Safe Online to grade 5-7 students and the community on January 26th, 2016, and the positive impact the Red Wagon preschool has had at Arrow Heights Elementary School and the ongoing work to ensure that both the Red Wagon and Ecole des Glacier both have space at Arrow Heights Elementary School for the 2016/17 school year.

16: R-03 Chell/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education provide letters to each school acknowledging the leadership of their staff for assemblies and Christmas celebrations.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of December 2nd, 2015

16: R-04 Nicholson/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of December 2nd, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of January 6th, 2016

Trustee Chell provided a brief overview of the Minutes noting the he and Superintendent Hooker attended Miriam Manley’s presentation to City Council regarding the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre and that Trustees reviewed the request from the Revelstoke Teachers’ Association regarding funding of the two new non-instructional days for part-time teachers and TTOC’s to attend. Trustee MacFarlane noted that although no recommendation was made, the Board is reviewing the details related to the request.

16: R-05 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the Report on Bills Paid for September and October 2015 in the amount of \$2,028,470.07 be approved.”

CARRIED

16: R-06 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of January 6th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of January 6th, 2016

Superintendent Hooker noted that the draft 2016/17 calendar was on the DPAC Agenda for the 2nd time and is being circulated for discussion.

16: R-07 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of January 6th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of November 16th, 2015

Received as information.

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of December 14th, 2015

Received as information.

Trustee Chell noted that the Early Years Centre conference is being held January 29th and 30th, 2016 and that Linda Chell, Revelstoke Child Care Society Executive Director, Tracy Spanner, Early Childhood Development Coordinator and Anne Cooper have been asked to be on the panel.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from School District No. 57 (Prince George) to The Honourable Christy Clark and The Honourable Michael de Jong supporting the recommendations set out in the report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

16: R-08 Nicholson/Chell

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education provide a letter to the Ministers of Finance and Education supporting three specific recommendations made in the November 2015 Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services which are to:

1. Provide adequate capital funding to school district for facility improvements, seismic upgrades and additional schools in rapidly-growing communities.
2. Provide stable, sustainable and adequate funding to enable school districts to fulfill their responsibility to continue to provide access to quality public education, with recognition of the increased costs that school districts have incurred.
3. Review the Ministry of Education funding formula for programs and services, as well as administrative staff compensation levels to ensure adequate and competitive compensation.”

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee MacFarlane invited members of the audience to ask questions related to items on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Student Suspensions – December 2015

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: January 13th, 2016