



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
June 15th, 2016
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad, and Savage
Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and: Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President; 1 RTA member, and 1 member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16: R-62 Savage/Chell

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16: R-63 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 25th, 2016, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Arrow Heights Elementary School 2015/2016 Annual Report to the Board

Arrow Heights Elementary School Principal Todd Hicks presented his 2015/2016 Annual Report to the Board using a power point presentation. He highlighted the positive school environment created by staff, students and parents and the benefits of sharing space with Conseil Scolaire Francophone and

Red Wagon Preschool. Principal Hicks noted that he started the first day of school by providing parents with cards with the statement “This year I hope my child will...” written on the cards and asked parents to completed the sentence. He provided a summary of the responses that included: *“creating positive relationships, be excited about learning, become confident, embrace learning, be hardworking, make friends, and be happy”*.

Principal Hicks reviewed the various ways that the school planned activities and programs to assist students achieving those goals by using the results from the Middle Years Development Instrument and the Satisfaction Survey. He gave an overview of some of the ways that students are encouraged to develop positive relationships, develop socially and make friends. He then proceeded to review some of the ways the school encourages students to become excited about and embrace learning including experiential and cross-curricular learning. For example, in one class, students “travelled” across Canada. They had to plan their trip, including where they were going, the route they would take, fuel costs, where they were going to stay, and prepare pamphlets.

Principal Hicks closed by expressing his gratitude to staff, students and parents for his 8 years at Arrow Heights Elementary School and although he is looking forward to his principalship at Begbie View Elementary School, he will miss the students, staff and parents at Arrow Heights Elementary School.

Trustees thanked Principal Hicks for his excellent presentation and asked him to pass along their thanks to staff, students and parents. Superintendent Hooker thanked Principal Hicks for his presentation as well as his written report noting that the written report represents a good balance of successes and challenges.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker highlighted the work of the selection committee in the recruitment and selection process for the Principal for Arrow Heights Elementary School, the Vice-Principal at Revelstoke Secondary School and the Secretary-Treasurer. He also noted the recent announcements by the Ministry of Education regarding administrative savings and changes to assessment and reporting. He noted that an additional class has been added at the elementary level this year, as a result of the return of “administrative savings” from the Ministry of Education.

Administrative Staffing Update

Superintendent Hooker highlighted the recent selections made by the selection committee in particular, the selection of James Richards as Secretary Treasurer. He noted the many accomplishments of retiring Secretary Treasurer Tisdale and his dedication and commitment to the district in ensuring a smooth transition between himself and Mr. Richards.

Trustees thanked Secretary Treasurer Tisdale for his work and his commitment to the district.

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw

The policy was amended to add an acknowledgement of the Métis people to paragraph 2.4 1).

16: R- 64 Chell/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give second and third reading to Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw."

CARRIED

Board Authority Authorized Course at Revelstoke Secondary School – Learning Strategies

Superintendent Hooker provided a brief summary of the course noting that the staff at Revelstoke Secondary School saw the need for such a course and took on the work involved in preparing the submission to the Board and the Ministry of Education. Trustee Nicholson added that the skills learned in the course will be life skills, which will serve the students well throughout their lives.

16: R-65 Chell/Nicholson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Learning Strategies for Grades 10 – 12 students as a Board Authority Authorized Course."

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

Signing Authorities

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided a summary of the changes being made and the requirement for a resolution to change the authorized signatories.

16: R-66 Savage/Rorstad

"THAT the Secretary Treasurer and the Board Chair or the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, or in the absence of the Board Chair and the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, the Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent of Schools, be the signing authorities for the school district for bank signing purposes effective August 1st, 2016. The names and positions of the signing authorities are set out below:

Bill MacFarlane	Board Chair
Elmer Rorstad	Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee
James Richards	Secretary Treasurer
Mike Hooker	Superintendent of Schools"

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of May 31st, 2016

Trustee MacFarlane provided a summary of the meeting.

16: R-67 Nicholson/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of May 31st, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of June 1st, 2016

Trustee Rorstad presented the Minutes complimenting the District Parent Advisory Council for their ongoing support of the ArtStarts program in schools.

16: R-68 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of June 1st, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Student Suspensions – May 2016

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: June 15th, 2016