



School District 19  
(Revelstoke)

## Revelstoke Board of Education

### Regular Board Meeting November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes

---

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We would like to acknowledge the nations on whose traditional territory we are gathering: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.*

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Trustees: MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad and Richardson  
Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker  
and: Administrative Secretary Magarian  
Guests: Bob Rogers, RTA President, and 1 member of the media  
Regrets: Secretary Treasurer Jummun

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

17: R-88 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

17: R-89 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

#### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

---

## SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

### Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker reviewed his activities highlighting his work with Bob Rogers, RTA President on the implementation of the revised Foundation Skills Assessment. He and the trustees reiterated that teachers, administrators, and trustees throughout the province as well as the Ministry of Education does not approve of the use of the data by the Fraser Institute to rank schools. However, under the Freedom of Information Act, the data cannot be withheld and the Fraser Institute cannot be prevented from using the data to rank schools. Superintendent Hooker explained that the data gathered is a useful assessment tool for teachers and administrators and the data is used by the Ministry to determine if extra funding is necessary to support students. He also reviewed the graduation rates explaining that the Ministry is reviewing the method that is used to determine graduation rates as international students and students who relocate to another province are considered to not have graduated which lowers the graduation rate. He brought trustees attention to the outdoor classroom currently under construction at Columbia Park Elementary School and the many volunteer hours that Aaron Potter has put into the project.

17: R-90 Richardson/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education provide a letter to Aaron Potter thanking him for his work on the Outdoor Classroom Project.”

CARRIED

### District Plan for Student Success 2017/2018

Superintendent Hooker presented the 2017/2018 District Plan for Student Success explaining that there is no longer a requirement to send the plan to the Ministry of Education. He began by reviewing the district's mission and vision and the 3 major questions that form the basis of the plan for students; *What are we learning, and why is it important? How is it going? Where to Next?* The questions for staff are *What is going on for our learners? How do we know? Why does it matter?* He then reviewed each of the Plan's three goals; *To support Student's Health and Well-Being, To Increase Students' Reading Achievement, and To Increase the Number of Student Graduating and Completing School.* Under each of the goal areas Superintendent Hooker reviewed the data taken from a variety of assessment tools such as the Middle Years Development Instrument, GORT, Early Development Instrument, the Learning Survey etc. He explained that the data is used to assess whether the goals are being met and what areas require additional support. Superintendent Hooker has been spending time in grade 6 and 7 classrooms sharing some of the information with students and getting their feedback. He noted that a huge strength of the district is the relationships at school between staff and students, which is a credit to the commitment and dedication of all staff. He also reviewed the graduation rates noting that international students and students moving away to another province are considered to not have graduated, which negatively affects graduation rates, particularly in a small district such as ours.

17: R-91 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting that method of calculating

graduation rates be amended to reflect international students and students who have moved out of the province.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Secondary School – Sister School Agreement with Teiyi Middle School, Guangzhou, China

Superintendent Hooker presented the Sister School Agreement noting that China is very interested in the BC education system and this is a natural extension to the existing program our district has with the School District No. 6, Rocky Mountain International Student Program. This will be a great exchange opportunity for our students and teachers. A visit to Revelstoke by a delegation from the Board of Education of Guangzhou Municipality is scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

**SECRETARY TREASURER JUMMUN**

**OTHER**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Communications Advisory Committee Minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Trustee Nicholson presented the minutes noting that the district’s Mission, Vision and Values statement was reviewed and that a poster of only the Mission, Vision and Values statements will be made and distributed.

17: R-92 Nicholson/Richardson

“THAT minutes of the Communications Advisory Committee be received as presented.”

CARRIED

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

British Columbia School Trustees’ Association Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting held in Revelstoke October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Trustees noted that it was a good turnout by trustees and administrators in our region.

Ministry of Education Partner Liaison Meeting held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Trustee MacFarlane, Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Jummun attended the meeting. Trustee MacFarlane noted that the Deputy Minister provided an excellent overview of international, national, and provincial level evidence of the strength of the BC Education System. He also connected the work of the Ministry to current educational change initiatives, and detailed plans for support within the areas of curriculum, assessment, graduation, and accountability. He added that the Deputy Minister was himself an educator and is passionate about education.

British Columbia School Trustees Association Board Chairs Meeting of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Trustee MacFarlane attended the meeting noting that the Ministry of Education discussed a number of items including the funding formula, provincial cannabis legislation, proposed

changes to election finance and emergency response planning. He added the Ministry may be sending a request to districts to update their emergency response plans.

British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Meeting of October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Trustees MacFarlane and Trustee Chell attended the meeting. The Minister of Education and Deputy Minister were also in attendance. Trustee MacFarlane provided a highlight of the motions that were passed at the meeting.

BC Public School Employers' Association Fall Symposium held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Trustee Chell attended the symposium and noted that the materials for the workshops and sessions held are on the BCPSEA website. He added that there was a great deal of discussion regarding the trustee governance of BCPSEA.

**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 6:10 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

**CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Surplus Schools Update

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Treasurer

DATED: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017