

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
May 21st, 2024
at Begbie View Elementary School

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Sasha-Emily Walsh)

We would like to respectfully honour the four nations on whose land we live and learn: The Sinixt, the Secwépemc, the Ktunxa, and the Syilx Okanagan.

Trustee Walsh asked her children what they have been learning lately and they replied that they have learned about the “Red Dresses” and what the dresses represent. She noted that a person that is responsible for the deaths of many Indigenous women has been in the news recently, which may be triggering for some in the Indigenous community.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale (attended remotely)
Principals:	Ariel McDowell, Principal of Begbie View Elementary School
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Maddy Stiles, RTA Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24: R-38 Walsh/Rota

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24: R-39 Walsh/Rota

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 24th, 2024, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Begbie View Elementary School Annual Report
to the Board presented by Ariel McDowell, Principal

Board Chair Chell introduced Begbie View Elementary School Principal Ariel McDowell, and thanked her for the school tour. Principal McDowell began her presentation noting that the school is incorporating circle time as much as possible and learning authentically from knowledge

keepers like Randy Williams. She provided an overview of the school population, the number of staff, class configurations and noted that two new students started this week. The school population consists of longtime Revelstoke families and newcomers from all over the world.

The Areas of Focus for 2023/2024 were reviewed.

- A safe, welcoming, and engaging school environment
- Literacy and Numeracy focus: Student-centred and Data-informed teaching and learning
- Working toward reconciliation

Principal McDowell reviewed the variety of ways staff focused on those areas using the data that was collected through PM Benchmarks, Student Learning Surveys, Foundation Skills Assessment, the Middle Years Development Instrument, and District Numeracy Data. Staff used the data to implement strategies to support students. The follow up data confirmed improvements in those areas. Staff continue to monitor the data and for students that are “developing” staff continue to seek out ways to meet those students where they are at. Principal McDowell also discussed the learning that staff themselves have committed to through mentors and professional development.

Trustees and Superintendent Kubik thanked Principal McDowell for her presentation and asked her to pass along their thanks and appreciation to her staff.

Principal McDowell left the meeting at 5:36 pm

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK

Administration Reports: Superintendent Kubik

Received as information.

Superintendent Kubik presented her Administration Report highlighting Partner Meetings noting the Jointly Convened Annual Meeting (JCAM) she attended which is a partnership with the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the First Nations Education Steering Committee. At the event Joe Heslip, Lead Equity in Action Project, and Denise Augustine, Superintendent of Indigenous Education (Secondee) were honoured for the work they have done with the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Superintendent Kubik also highlighted the work that is being done in preparation for the Strategic Plan writing sessions taking place over three days in June.

New Policy Video Surveillance - Buses

Trustee Zimmer presented the new policy suggesting that the word “shall” should be changed to “will”. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale will confirm that the two words are interchangeable in this context.

24: R-40 Zimmer/Allen

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate the new Video Surveillance – Buses policy as amended for feedback.”

CARRIED

Outline of steps and timelines for in response to limiting personal digital devices in classroom/schools

Superintendent Kubik confirmed that she has received approximately six positive responses to her letter to families. Board Chair Chell noted that it is important that the Board listen to the voices of students as well.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2024/2025 Annual Facility Grant Expenditure Plan

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale reviewed the plan and noted that Andrew McDade, Manager of Operations will be getting quotes as only estimates are included in the plan. He confirmed that this funding is an allocation that is determined by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The funds have been approved and the improvements will be completed subject to the cost overrun or the unavailability of products.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of April 22nd, 2024

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes.

24: R-41 Zimmer/Walsh

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of April 22nd, 2024 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of April 30th, 2024

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting that Superintendent Kubik discussed the purpose of the committee and presented the Strategic Plan’s belief statements and student learning focus.

24: R-42 Walsh/Allen

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of April 30th, 2024 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of May 1st, 2024

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting that Superintendent Kubik discussed the Strategic Plan and next steps. She also noted that two parents from the Free to Focus group presented to DPAC.

24: R-43 Walsh/Rota

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of May 1st, 2024 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Council Minutes of May 2nd, 2024

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting seven Revelstoke students attended the Leadership Summit, Greg Kenyon and Lisa Moore chaperoned the trip.

Trustee Zimmer highlighted her trip last week with her children, Erin England, her children, and Marlene Krug, and Jodi Wallach to take the sturgeon nosed canoe made by Wayne Louie to Creston where the Ktunaxa nation will repair it. While there they met with Wayne Louie’s son and nephew and learned a great deal about the Ktunaxa cultural and history.

24: R-44 Zimmer/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Council meeting of May 2nd, 2024 be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE

Trustee Rota confirmed that Screen Smart week will be taking place June 1st to 8th, 2024. ScreenSmart has partnered with multiple businesses and community members to host free activities including bike safety.

Board Chair Chell noted his participation in the Capstone projects at Revelstoke Secondary School.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Arrow Heights Elementary School Parent Advisory Council dated April 10th, 2024 regarding cell phone use policy.

- A letter of response will be sent to Arrow Heights Elementary School PAC thanking them for their letter.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rota.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Budget Committee Minutes of April 24th, 2024
- Budget Committee Minutes of May 15th, 2024

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 21st, 2024