



Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting June 26th, 2024 at Arrow Heights Elementary School Minutes

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Alan Chell)

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.

Board Chair Chell noted that he learned about the importance and impact of language from a colleague at the Provincial level that took a course on language. She pointed out that phrases we routinely use but do not think about such as “low man on the totem pole” have an impact. It is important that we become more aware of the language that we use.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
Principals:	Pam Mair, Principal of Arrow Heights Elementary School and Jodi Wallach, District Principal of Indigenous Education and K-12 Well-Being
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Barry Rourke, RTA President; 4 RTA members, and one student
Regrets:	None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24: R-52 Walsh/Allen

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24: R-53 Allen/Rota

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 5th, 2024, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Strategic Plan Delegation

Teachers, Erin England, Pica Reeves, and Ainslee Atimanuk and RSS Student Mya Manson presented an update on the Strategic Plan process. They began with a story about two students taking different approaches to accomplish the same thing as some thrive with specific instructions and others sit and ponder, but by working collaboratively, they can accomplish their goals. The story was a metaphor for the district's strategic plan process. The teachers expressed what a fantastic experience it was and then walked trustees through the three-day process starting with the district belief statements. Then the survey questions were reviewed as to whether they relate to core competencies, all of the data collected was reviewed through a data walk, then research (50 articles were distributed) was reviewed. Two of the things that came out of the process were that it is not only a professional development, it is a living system and everyone is the system.

Finally, the feedback from the community was reviewed and determined whether or not it was supported by research. Some of the topics discussed were personalized learning, student centered assessment, Indigenous informed pedagogy, connections to community and real world learning, universal design for inclusion, and technology integration.

Mya Manson, currently a grade 11 student at Revelstoke Secondary School and part of Student Leadership at RSS highlighted:

- Personalized learning/thinking. This helps students to approach their education in the way they want to pursue it
- Student-Centered Assessment – encouraging creative and critical thinking will be invaluable
- Indigenous teaching – students need to deepen their connection to the land by being on the land and helps with well-being, and grounding
- Universal Design for Learning is a framework to improve and optimize learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn. Everyone wants a safe space. It encourages self-confidence and self-acceptance, uniqueness is encouraged, provides real world skills, and hands on learning
- Technology Integration is important. Students need to learn to using phones responsibly – teaching students how to use technology would help lower tech addiction and give students time to think and improve their self-development.

Trustees and Superintendent Kubik thanked the delegation especially Mya and the writing team that participated in the Strategic Plan process.

24: R-54 Allen/Zimmer

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education endorse the recommendation to develop an Action Plan based on the Theory of Action developed by the Strategic Plan writing team.”

CARRIED

The Delegation left the meeting at 5:32 pm

SPECIAL REPORTS

Arrow Heights Elementary School Annual Report to the Board

Principal Pam Mair began her presentation with the First Peoples Principles of Learning which were a focus for the 2023/2024 school year :

- Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.
- Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).

- Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.
- Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.
- Learning recognizes the role of Indigenous knowledge.
- Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story.
- Learning involves patience and time.
- Learning requires exploration of one's identity.
- Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.

Principal Mair then reviewed the three goal areas of Literacy, Numeracy Social/Emotional and the action plans under each of those goals. The data collected under each of the three goal areas was also reviewed.

Using the CARES matrix (Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm, Safety) staff developed common goals with a common focus every week as well as a focus of the month. The activities that students participated in to support the First Peoples Principles of Learning were reviewed (i.e. "always room for everyone under the umbrella", talking stick, old games like stilts were brought in to support to "Learning involves patience and time". The school placed a focus on outdoor play and doing things together. Principal Mair then played a "Lip dub" clip of students engaging in activities.

Trustees and Superintendent Kubik thanked Principal Mair for the presentation and asked her to pass on to staff their thanks and appreciation.

Principals Pam Mair and Jodi Wallach left meeting at 6:02 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK

Administration Reports: Superintendent Kubik

Received as information.

Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Kubik provided the Strategic Plan update as background information to the earlier presentation by the Strategic Plan delegation.

Personal Digital Device Survey Update

Superintendent Kubik reviewed the number of surveys returned to date. The survey results will be provided to the Policy Review Committee. Superintendent Kubik will be providing Trustees with an update at the Trustee retreat on August 27th, 2024.

Policy No. 5.9(a) Video Surveillance - Buses

Board Chair Chell presented the new policy.

24: R-55 Allen/Zimmer

“THAT the Board of Education approve new Policy 5.9(a) – Video Surveillance - Buses in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Secondary School Trip to Ono Cho, Japan – Spring 2025

It was noted that 20 students have expressed an interest in going on the trip. The next meeting will be held in September 2024.

24: R-56 Walsh/Rota

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve in principle, a trip to Ono Cho, Japan in March 2025 for Revelstoke Secondary School students.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2024/2025 Annual Budget

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the budget. Trustees noted that they are happy with the process as it is an inclusive process.

24: R-57 Zimmer/Allen

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached 2024/2025 Annual Budget and Bylaw in the amount of \$21,310,332.”

CARRIED

New Spaces Fund

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale confirmed that the Farwell Project, thanks to the Federal and Provincial Governments providing funding for 12 new spaces under the “New Spaces” fund, has been approved. The project will be going out to tender over the summer and it is hoped that construction will begin in the Fall of 2024. It is anticipated that construction will take a year to complete. Linda Chell and Tracy Spanner of the Revelstoke Child Care Society are working with the district to determine how best to minimize disruption to the existing child care spaces during construction.

2024/2025 Capital Plan

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the capital plan noting that it was approved by the Board at an earlier meeting as 2024/2025 CPSD19-01. However, as the Ministry of Education and Child Care is providing funding for a new electric bus, the bus has been added to the capital plan, requiring the revised plan to be approved by the Board.

24: R-58 Walsh/Rota

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached Capital Project Bylaw No. 2024/25 CPSD19-02 in the amount of \$1,224,100.”

CARRIED

2025/2026 Capital Plan (Major)

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale explained that the Capital Plan is for a further expansion of Begbie View Elementary School. As the building code may have changed, which would impact the cost of an expansion, the district will do an assessment of the current building code and compare it to the building code that was in place when the school was built.

24: R-59 Walsh/Rota

"In accordance with the provisions under Section 142(4) of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Programs) for 2025/2026, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2025/2026 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care."

CARRIED

OTHER

BC Builds Cleaner Communities with Active Transportation

Trustee Rota brought forward the BC Builds Cleaner Communities with Active Transportation grants which could provide funding for bike lanes for students riding bikes to school. The district would need to work with the City on improving bike lanes to and from schools as well as partnering with bike groups.

24: R-60 Rota/Walsh

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education provide a letter to the City of Revelstoke asking the City of Revelstoke to review existing bike paths to and from school."

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of June 5th, 2024

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes highlighting the donations the DPAC has made.

24: R-61 Walsh/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of June 5th, 2024 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of June 10th, 2024

Trustee Allen presented the minutes.

24: R-62 Allen/Rota

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for January and February 2024 in the amount of \$3,193,659.33 be approved."

CARRIED

24: R-63 Allen/Zimmer

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for March and April 2024 to in the amount of \$3,513,146.34 be approved."

CARRIED

24: R-64 Allen/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of June 10th, 2024 be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE

Trustee Rota noted that the ScreenSmart week was very successful with many community businesses/organizations participating. She will submit her report on ScreenSmart Week at a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

As this was the last School Board Meeting for RTA President Barry Rourke prior to his retirement, he thanked the Board for its support of teachers and allowing them to pursue their passions. The Board thanked Barry Rourke for his connections with and caring for students, his many years of organizing the Last Spike series of Volleyball tournaments, and for his collegial approach while serving as RTA President.

Board Chair Chell and trustees noted that this was also the last board meeting for Executive Assistant Magarian as she is retiring in July. They congratulated her on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her 18 years of service to the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Zimmer.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Exempt Staff Increases – July 1, 2024
- Trustee Retreat – August 27th, 2024
- CBC Request for an interview regarding the district's cell phone use policy
- Local Purchasing

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: June 26th, 2024