



Revelstoke Board of Education

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting January 7th, 2014

Minutes

We recognize and honour the special relationship that exists with the First Nations within whose territories we operate.

Called to order at 3:30 pm.

In attendance: Michelle Kuster, Lisa Moore, Bryan Dubasov, Michelle Cole, and Mike Hooker

Regrets: Tabatha Jones, Kristine Howe, Guy McLean, Kathy Bracken, and Lisa Patry

1. Agenda Additions
 - Carousel of Nations
 - Relationship Building (Advisory Committee Membership)
2. A review of the November 5th, 2013 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
No errors or omissions
3. Aboriginal Student Position at Revelstoke Secondary School
 - The Committee welcomed Michelle Kuster.
 - Michelle reported being very energized by her first day and a half spent at Revelstoke Secondary School meeting staff and students.
4. National Aboriginal Day Planning
 - There will be four rounds of stories highlighting our four nations
 - Story telling would start at approximately 6:00 pm
 - There will be art and games
 - At approximately 4 pm there will be bannock making and potentially an open fire (pending City approval)
 - Plan to have the typee pole peeling project completed by that time so that a traditional typee would provide a venue for story telling
5. Enhancement Agreement
 - Noted that the Enhancement Agreement is currently in its fourth year
 - 2014/2015 the process of developing and signing a new Enhancement Agreement will take place

- Looking ahead, it was noted that student involvement during this school year and into the fall in terms of responding to the goal areas in the current Enhancement Agreement would ensure student voices are heard loud and clear in the future process
6. Carousel of Nations
- The event will take place on February 1st, 2014 at the Recreation Centre
 - Lisa Moore and Michelle Kuster are coordinating the preparation of bannock and stew
 - All committee members would be invited to a bannock and stew “work party” at 1:00 pm on January 31st, 2014 at Revelstoke Secondary School. This would be an excellent time for members to connect with their committee
7. Relationship Building
- The Committee discussed the potential for a quarterly newsletter which would highlight the work of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and specifically focus on the work being done at the elementary and secondary level in support of Aboriginal Education
 - The distribution of newsletters would be through the schools to students with aboriginal ancestry and to the community through the participants in the previous enhancement agreement process
8. Reports:
- Lisa Moore highlighted her written report
9. Adjourned:
- Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.
Next meeting to be determined by polling committee members.