



## Revelstoke Board of Education

### Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

#### Minutes

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

Called to order at 6:00 pm.

In attendance: Lisa Moore, Bryan Dubasov, Michelle Cole, Kristine Howe, Ariel McDowell, and Mike Hooker

Regrets: Michelle Kuster and Bryan Dubasov

1. Agenda Additions
  - Carousel of Nations
2. A review of the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:  
No errors or omissions.
3. June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 National Aboriginal Day – Planning
  - Reviewed the evolution of the idea for the storytelling theme from the four nations.
  - Noted that grant dollars are being pursued through the BC Arts Council and from Columbia Basin Trust.
  - Although the event is planned for June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the grant proposals are suggesting follow-up activities to ensure that the learning continues from this event.
  - Michelle Kuster has made contact with four nations for support and that support has been readily given. Michelle Cole anticipates the timeline for the tipi pole making will be April/May.
4. Enhancement Agreement – Community Review Process
  - Although the Enhancement Agreement process will start formally for 2014/15 in April/May, it is our intention to gather feedback, particularly from our Grade 12 students before June 2014.

5. Reports

- Lisa Moore provided a written report and highlighted her intention to introduce talking circle concepts to more classes and the introduction of the four nations protocol statement that is now being made at the beginning of every Begbie View Elementary School assembly (Thank you Lisa!). She noted that the statement will be introduced to Columbia Park and Arrow Heights Elementary Schools within the month. The statement is:

*“We would like to acknowledge and honour the 4 nations on whose traditional land we live and learn:*

*the Sinixt (Sin-eye-ks),  
the Ktunaxa (Ta-na-ha),  
the Secwepmec (Shwem-ic), and  
the Syilx (Silks).”*

6. Carousel of Nations

- The Carousel of Nations was very well attended and was once again a successful event.
- Lisa noted that the expenses for food were nearly entirely covered by the purchase of food tickets at the event. Michelle Cole and Lisa Moore opened the Carousel with a traditional welcome and described the spirit plate offering.
- Lisa suggested that next year there should be a vegetarian stew to go along with the wild meat stew.

7. Adjourned

Next meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the School Board Office, Upper Office