



## Revelstoke Board of Education

### Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting December 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 live and learn.**

Called to order at 4:05 pm.

In attendance: Michelle Cole, Lisa Moore, Dana Reaume, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, Sherrelle Anderson, Laura Stovel, and Ariel McDowell

Regrets: Nadia McLaren and Mike Hooker (New Board appointee will be at the next meeting)

1. Agenda Additions
  - Graduation gift
  - Welcome and gifts for Ono Cho visitors
  - Legacy Project
  - Book sharing
2. A review of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup>
  - No errors or omissions
3. Enhancement Agreement (EA) process for 2014/2015

EA renewal process will begin with a gathering January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the RSS common area.

- Mural that was completed last year will also be mounted in the RSS common area, unveiled on that date. Lissa will invite and do a thank you to the Arts Council.
- Displays with key questions will be up throughout the school day, inviting students and staff to view and respond.
- The public will be invited from 4 – 6:00 pm (detailed schedule to be developed)
- Laura Stovel will help us to get the invitations out to a wide group of community members. Discussion about a need for an Aboriginal liaison position in Revelstoke, as there is no friendship centre here.
- Dana's students will make bannock that morning
- Next Advisory Committee Meeting agenda will be dedicated to final planning for this event

4. Legacy Project – mural with Elementary students
  - See project proposal, attached
  - Plywood for the mural is at Columbia Park School, paints will be ordered from Opus this week.
  - Information about the Legacy Project will be on display at the EA kickoff gathering January 20<sup>th</sup>.
  
5. Reports:
  - Lisa Moore shared her article for the newsletter
  - Ariel read Nadia's introduction letter
  - Note that there will be a screening of Nadia's film *Muffins for Granny* at 9:30 tomorrow morning at the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre, as part of the District Pro-D day
  - Newsletter will go out to everyone next week
  
6. Graduation Symbol
  - Lisa Moore polled the 5 students who are set to graduate this year, and they would all appreciate a blanket. The Committee will also gift them with a small, personal item.
  - This will be the practice going forward (a blanket and a small, personal item), since our small number of graduates allows us to know them individually.
  
7. Ono Cho visitors
  - Lisa Moore has been asked to officially welcome visitors from our Japanese sister city, Ono Cho.
  - Aboriginal students will gift the visitors with medicine bags they will make (materials are already prepared for this)
  
8. Book Sharing
  - Ariel shared a book called *I was born precious and sacred* by Debora Abood, published by Peppermint Toast Publishing, in collaboration with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre
  
9. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.  
Next meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the School Board Office, Upper Office  
\*Note that the agenda will be devoted to planning our EA kickoff