



Revelstoke Board of Education

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting March 5th, 2015

Minutes

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

Called to order at 4:10 pm.

In attendance: Michelle Cole, Lisa Moore, Leslie Savage, Sherrelle Anderson, Nadia McLaren, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, Dana Reaume, Laura Stovel, Ariel McDowell, and Mike Hooker

Regrets: None

1. Agenda Additions
 - Multicultural Action Plan
2. A review of the February 5th, 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
No errors or omissions
3. Planning Session for Thursday, April 9th, 2015 from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm
community partnership Enhancement Agreement Working Session
 - Discussed the agenda for the (draft attached)
 - Where have we been and where are we now?
 - Reviewed data sources related to student success
 - Goal for the planning session to end with “big ideas” leading to new goal areas
 - Important to recognize that we are not starting an Enhancement Agreement from scratch, we need to ground ourselves in the visioning that has led us to this point
 - The significant community expansion of understanding, interest, and engagement in aboriginal education was noted
4. Community Partner Invitation List
 - Representatives from local First Nations: Wayne (Kukpi7) Christian (Secwepemc), Virgil Seymour (Sinixt), Melanie Sam (Ktunaxa), and representative from Sylx (Rob Edward, or perhaps someone closer)
 - Local Revelstoke Aboriginal community members (2 former students, Colby Morin and Brianna Howe)

- Current students: three or four elementary students, and also four or five high school students, as well as students from the Aboriginal Education support blocks will be invited and can stay as long as they are able
 - Parents of Aboriginal
 - Invitation to local groups to send representation: ECD committee, Social Development committee
 - RCMP: Staff Sgt. Kurt Grabinsky
5. School Resources
 - Noted a number of excellent resources new to our libraries
 - There was discussion regarding resources that exist in “bins” - efforts will be made to ensure that resources are shared and widely known
 6. Medicine Wheel Project
 - Lissa Cancilla-Sykes updated the Committee with respect to the student driven project
 - They are currently looking for a space and have approached a variety of local businesses and organizations including BC Hydro, and the Illecillewaet Greenbelt Society
 - Students will present a letter to the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee to consider legacy funding to support the project
 7. Update on Aboriginal Facilitator Grant
 - The aboriginal facilitator grant proposal was presented to the Columbia Basin Trust for consideration
 8. Legacy Project/Artist in Residence
 - The sturgeon nose canoe project is still in the planning stage currently set for the first two weeks of May
 - Artist in residence from the Ktunaxa Nation (Wayne Louie)
 9. Metis Dancers to visit Revelstoke schools
 - Planning now for the Fall of 2015 for a two to three day workshop format for students
 10. Reports
 - Lisa and Nadia both provided written reports with respect to the extensive work they are doing in the elementary and secondary schools
 11. Multicultural Action Plan
 - Laura Stovel updated the Committee with respect to the Community Action Plan on multiculturalism noting they received a Columbia Basin Trust Grant to develop a protocol to deal with hate crimes
 - There is an upcoming meeting being held on Monday, March 9th, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Okanagan College to bring community partners together to review the action plan

12. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Next meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 at the School Board Office, Upper Office