



Revelstoke Board of Education

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting April 2nd, 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 4:00 pm.

In attendance: Michelle Cole, Lisa Moore, Leslie Savage, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, Laura Stovel, and Ariel McDowell,

Regrets: Sherrelle Anderson, Nadia McLaren, Dana Reaume, and Mike Hooker

1. Agenda Additions
 - Columbia Basin Trust Funding Request for Aboriginal Community Liaison position
2. A review of the March 5th, 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
No errors or omissions
3. Books for Sharing
 - Ariel shared some books, three of which have accompanying readings in the Mischeif (Metis) language. Discussion about how to make sure all staff know what aboriginal resources are available. Leslie Savage suggested that a list of resources be put on the new website on the Aboriginal Education page. Ariel will discuss this with Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal Technology. In the meantime, the list of recently purchased books will be put in the Aboriginal Education conference in First Class.
4. Student and Parent Survey
 - Ariel shared a draft student and parent survey.
 - There was discussion about the need for two separate surveys; one for parents, and one for students as the questions need to be different.
 - The Committee agreed that the Enhancement Agreement Working Group will be responsible for finalizing the survey.

5. Medicine Wheel Project
 - Lissa Cancilla-Sykes advised the Committee that the students that were to write a letter to the Aboriginal Education Committee are struggling to complete the letters. Lissa will support the students with the writing of the letters, but the students themselves must take a leadership role in order to move the project along.

6. April 9th, 2015 Enhancement Agreement Workshop – Planning Session
 - The working group will consist of approximately 24 people that day
 - Many of the district's community partners will be there such as the RCMP, Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Social Development Committee, Revelstoke Museum and Archives as well as community members, parents and students.
 - Regrets have been sent by the Early Childhood Development Committee (ECD) members and some parents however, they have expressed that although they cannot attend this session, they wish to be involved in further working sessions.
 - Ariel has had some difficulty in contacting out of town Band representatives. Laura Stovel has offered to help with this (thank you Laura).
 - Colleen Hannah, Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Coordinator for the Ministry of Education has been in touch with Ariel. Ms. Hannah recommends that the process not be rushed to ensure that all parties feel that have had an opportunity to be involved and she suggested that signing the Enhancement Agreement in the Fall of 2015 may be more realistic. She noted that it took four years for the first Enhancement Agreement to be completed.

7. Reports
 - Reports by Lisa Moore and Nadia McLaren were presented in the form of a Spring Newsletter which is attached.

8. Columbia Basis Trust Funding Request for Aboriginal Community Liaison position
 - Laura Stovel provided an update on the funding request noting that the request was successful.
 - A sub-committee was struck to develop a job description and post the position.

Adjourned:

Next meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 7th, 2015 at the School Board Office, Upper Office