



## Revelstoke Board of Education

### Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### 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 4:00 pm.

In attendance: Michelle Cole, Lisa Moore, Leslie Savage, Sherrelle Anderson, Nadia McLaren, and Ariel McDowell.

Regrets: Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, Dana Reaume, Laura Stovel, and Mike Hooker

1. Agenda Additions
  - Year-end celebration
2. A review of the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
  - No errors or omissions
3. Enhancement Agreement progress Update
  - The next Enhancement Agreement meeting will take place on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Columbia Park Elementary School from 5:30 to 7:15 pm.
  - A guest from the Ministry of Education will be attending the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting and a Sinixt delegation will be participating in the meeting.
  - An emphasis will be made to encourage children and parents to attend the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - A family potluck event has been scheduled for Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:15 pm at Begbie View Elementary School.
  - The focus of the family potluck will be to celebrate the completion of the mural project and give students an opportunity to present the mural to their families.
  - The mural unveiling will be a public event, which will provide the Committee with an opportunity to work with its partners and showcase Aboriginal Education in Revelstoke (see also Item 6 in these minutes).
4. Ktunaxa Sturgeon-nosed Canoe Building with Artist in Residence Wayne Louie
  - Wayne Louie is planning to begin the project after May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Two options for Mr. Louie to work in Revelstoke Secondary School have been arranged by Greg Kenyon, Principal RSS and Andy Pfeiffer, Vice-Principal RSS.
  - The local Forestry office has been contacted to request permission for Mr. Louie to harvest a white pine and other materials for the project.
5. Community Aboriginal Liaison Position Update
    - To date no applications have been received.
    - The Committee agreed to extend the application deadline to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
    - There was some discussion on how to expand advertising to include print and social media (ie Revelstoke Review, Stoke List and Revy Sell).
    - The position will be mentioned at the May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 family events.
  6. Sub-committee to plan National Day of Healing and National Aboriginal Day
    - Lisa Moore, Nadia McLaren and Sherrelle Anderson have agreed to plan the mural unveiling around National Aboriginal Day.
    - Sherrelle Anderson and Nadia McLaren are creating age-appropriate presentations and a heart garden project for the schools.
    - The initial date of June 19<sup>th</sup> for the mural unveiling has been changed to Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to accommodate two students who were very involved in the project.
  7. Reports:
    - Nadia McLaren, Elementary Aboriginal Student Assistant shared her report.
    - Lisa Moore, Revelstoke Secondary School, Aboriginal Student Assistant shared her report.
  8. Year-end Celebration
    - Lisa Moore plans to organize an end of the year celebration for students which will be a picnic/wiener roast at Martha Creek. The date and activities will be determined.
  9. Adjourned:
 

Next meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the School Board Office, Upper Office