



Revelstoke Board of Education

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting February 4th, 2016

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, Sherrelle Anderson, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, and Ariel McDowell

1. Agenda Additions
 - Bursaries for Graduating Students
2. A review of the January 7th, 2016 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
No errors or omissions
3. Basket Weaving Workshops
 - Basket Weaving Workshops – Ariel will contact Virgil Seymour to establish what a basket-weaving workshop in schools would cost.
 - No commitment can be made to have the workshop yet, as this wasn't budgeted for. Virgil indicated that only an honorarium and accommodation would be required, but Ariel will obtain the exact costs.
 - The basket weavers want to come up and harvest materials for their own use (yellow cedar). Michelle Cole has been in touch with Nicholas Irving at Parks Canada to help them access the materials.
4. Enhancement Agreement
 - a. The working group met on January 29th, 2016. There are four goals, and the visual the Committee is working on is that of a basket. The concept is concentric circles, with Aboriginal students and their families at the centre. As the circles move outward, our goals encompass the role of Aboriginal Education in the general student population, with teachers and staff, and with the community.
 - b. One more working group meeting will be held Monday, February 22nd at Revelstoke Secondary School. Ariel McDowell distributed copies of the draft goals and asked Committee members to please read the goals and make changes in preparation for the February 22nd, working group meeting.

- c. The signing ceremony will take place on May 19th in McPherson Court at Revelstoke Secondary School from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The space has been booked.
- d. Students and the Instructor of the Okanagan College Culinary Arts program have agreed to cater the event. Discussion about what format the catering should take. Agreement on a light meal: tapas, sandwiches, and some baking.
- e. Approximately 80 people attended the signing ceremony for the first Enhancement Agreement. In planning for food, entertainment, and giveaways this the number the Committee is using.

5. Reports

- Lisa Moore, Revelstoke Secondary School Aboriginal Student Assistant shared her report.
- Sherrelle Anderson, Elementary Aboriginal Student Assistant shared her final report as she is now on maternity leave. The Committee presented Sherrelle with a blanket and expressed their thanks to Sherrelle for her contributions to Aboriginal Education in the district's Elementary schools.

6. Bursaries for Graduating Students

- Leslie Savage advised that she met with Superintendent Hooker regarding bursaries for graduating students of aboriginal ancestry. Three \$500 bursaries have been maintained in the 2015/16 budget.

Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Next meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016 at the School Board Office, Upper Office