



Revelstoke Board of Education

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting October 6th, 2016

Minutes

We would like to acknowledge and honour the four nations on whose traditional land we live and learn: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepmec, and the Syilx.

Called to order at 4:00 pm.

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

Regrets: Michelle Cole and Karin O'Neill

1. Agenda Additions
 - Thank you cards from Bursary recipients (Ariel)
 - Ab Ed permission forms (Lisa)
 - Territorial recognition wording (Ariel)
2. A review of the May 5th, 2016 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - No errors or omissions
3. Enhancement Agreement
 - a. Reflections: a debrief and thank you/sharing session was held in July. Beautiful photographs of the event were shared. Original signing page and tobacco leaf will be mounted and displayed in the downstairs Board Room. Copies of the Agreement are in every school, and are being referred to at meetings, wherever appropriate. The rubric page will be displayed in each school to help guide implementation.
 - b. Implementation so far:
 - i. Goal 1 – Dr. Martin Brokenleg will come to Revelstoke May 5th to teach District staff and community members about the Circle of Courage (framework for Goal 1).
 - ii. Destination 2 : Independence and Mastery – Two students traveled with Lisa Moore to attend the Selkirk College Aboriginal Youth

- iii. Leadership conference (Element “nurture student gifts and talents, including culturally appropriate leadership”).
 - iv. Goal 2 – Teaching all staff and students to say Hello (Way’) and Thank You (Limlimt) in nsyilxen (Element from the EA: “Create awareness for all students of local Aboriginal languages through signage, posters, and knowledge of simple greetings”).
- c. Next Steps – sub committee was struck (Lisa, Lissa, Ariel, and Karin) to generate a District-wide scope and sequence to establish activities and resources at each grade level. The purposes of this are to: support classroom teachers, ensure students in all grades have access to culturally appropriate programming, and to reduce overlap and repetition.
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4. Reports:
- Please see Fall Newsletter.
5. Agenda Additions
- a. Letters of gratitude were received for the Aboriginal Education Bursary from Samara Channell and Kellen Viznaugh. Samara is attending the University of Alberta studying taking linguistics. Kellen is attending Okanagan College, taking Business courses.
 - b. Ab Ed Permission forms – Lisa would like the wording on our permission forms tweaked to provide more information to families. Ariel will request copies of permission forms used by nearby districts, and will meet with Lisa and Karin to update our forms.
 - c. Territorial Recognition – The wording of the territorial recognition used at this meeting, and at other District meetings needs to be simplified. Somehow it has changed to be more than a territorial recognition, and has become a recognition of certain students. Lisa Moore’s great article

in the Fall Ab Ed newsletter clarifies the purpose of recognizing territory.
Motion that we change the territorial recognition to read:

Motion made by Jennifer Wolney/Ariel McDowell

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Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx”*

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5. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting dates (all at 4:00 pm at the School Board Office, Upper
Meeting Room):

November 3rd, 2016
December 8th, 2016
February 2nd, 2017
March 2nd, 2017
April 6th, 2017
May 4th, 2017
June 8th, 2017