



## Revelstoke Board of Education

### Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

#### Minutes

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

Called to order at 4:00 pm.

In attendance: Michelle Cole, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, Laura Stovel, Jennifer Wolney, Mike Hooker and Ariel McDowell

Regrets: Karin O'Neill, Lisa Moore, and Chantal Wilson

1. Agenda Additions
  - Circulation of Minutes
  - SD83 Professional Development Event
  - Upcoming Film Events
2. A review of the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
  - No errors or omissions
3. Enhancement Agreement
  - Lissa Cancilla-Sykes has a .25 FTE position this semester to help with the implementation of Goal #2. She is getting a great response from the teachers in all four schools. Her work includes consulting with colleagues, integrating indigenous content and approaches across the curriculum, improving access to resources by updating them, documenting the resources the district has and making them easily accessible to our teachers. She is also connecting with nearby district and building district-wide activity plans.
  - Lissa also mentioned the challenges with the current First Nations 12 course and the plans at RSS to offer Social Justice 12 instead of First Nations 12.
  - The Committee discussed ensuring the fidelity and richness of indigenous content which is a priority for Lissa and the Advisory Committee.

4. Spirit of Syilx Youth Unity Run, May 11 – 14, 2017
  - No new updates on the event.
  - Ariel McDowell will email Committee members any updates.
5. Regional Aboriginal Education Meeting, May 4 – 5, 2017 in Revelstoke
  - The meeting is scheduled to start at 4:30 pm in the downstairs Board Room with an early dinner.
  - Dr. Brokenleg will give a presentation after dinner.
  - Committee members are to RSVP by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
6. Staffing Update
  - The Elementary Aboriginal Student Assistant position was re-posted and interviews will be taking place over the next two weeks.
  - Karin O'Neill continues to work in the elementary schools two days a week.
7. Reports
  - Neither Karin O'Neill or Lisa Moore were able to provide a report however a Spring newsletter will be coming out in April.
8. Circulation of Minutes
  - Jennifer Wolney will forward the minutes to Revelstoke Teachers' Association (RTA) in order to more broadly circulate them.
9. SD83 Professional Development Event
  - Jennifer Wolney and Ariel McDowell attended a professional development event hosted by School District No. 83 (North Okanagan Shuswap).
  - The event was in a mini conference format for a full day of Aboriginal Education topics.
10. Upcoming Film Events
  - Laura Stovel let Committee members know that there will be two films shown in the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre (provided it is available). One is titled *History of the Columbia River Treaty* (30 minutes in length) and the other one is titled *Treaty Talks* (30 minutes in length).
  - There will also be a panel consisting of Loni Parker, Cathy English and Ryan Gillis at the event.
11. Adjourned:  
Meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Next meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:30 (meet, greet and dinner) in the Downstairs Board Room at the Board office.