



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting May 3rd, 2017 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 4:58 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the nations on whose traditional territory we are gathering: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad and Richardson
Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker, and Secretary Treasurer Jummun
Principals/Vice-Principals: Greg Kenyon, Principal and Jodi Wallach, Vice-Principal of Revelstoke Secondary School
and: Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests: Jason Stevens, RTA Vice-President; one RTA member, and one member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17: R-45 Rorstad/Richardson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17: R-46 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 12th, 2017, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Revelstoke Secondary School Principal Greg Kenyon and Vice-Principal Jodi Wallach presented the 2016/2017 Revelstoke Secondary School Annual Report to the Board. Principal Kenyon began by thanking the Board for their support. He also thanked school staff noting that the positive school culture and tradition is due to the commitment of teachers and support staff

who all work to ensure students are well supported academically, socially, and emotionally. He also thanked Vice Principal Jodi Wallach, noting that her years of experience as a school counsellor and her ability to work well with students and all aspects of the school community, has been invaluable. He also noted the many changes taking place at the school due to the redesigned curriculum, as teachers and students experiment with various ways to learn new skills and increase student engagement.

He then presented a slide show beginning with the topic of “Achievement” and reviewed the RSS Overall Achievement data from the first semester of the 2016/2017 school year noting the high numbers of students achieving a “B or Better”. He reviewed “New Strategies/Ideas” in connection with the implementation of the redesigned curriculum, giving an example of a class researching and designing paper airplanes and an English class doing MacBeth outside. He then reviewed the RSS Overall Work Ethic results from the first semester of the 2016/17 school year noting that 60% of students are achieving a “G” or “E”, 29% are achieving an “S” and only 11% are in the “N” category. He explained that these numbers include all courses, not just academic courses. The next topic was the goal of “Student Well-Being”. Principal Kenyon briefly reviewed the goal and the data from the 2015/2016 Satisfaction Surveys. Once the satisfaction survey data for the 2016/2017 school year is available, the data will be reviewed by staff and used to develop programs and/or strategies to support students. He concluded his portion of the report by once again thanking the board and school staff for their commitment to students.

Vice-Principal Jodi Wallach provided a brief overview of “RSS Culture”, noting that staff are involved in student activities which range from team sports to leadership council. She also noted the importance of relationship building between students and teachers and the staff’s commitment to maintaining high levels of engagement with students. Mrs. Wallach then listed off some of the activities that take place or have taken place at the school such as: Leadership Council, Me to We, Not So Straight Club, Stoke Youth, Band trip to Moscow, Idaho, Ono Cho, Japan Trip, drama productions, Elizabethan Feast, Athletic banquet, Mentorship Program, Find your Fit, Last Spike Tournament, Yearbook, Robotics in the Library, and Elementary Volleyball run by RSS students. She added that the staff and students are working hard to maintain high standards of student involvement in the school and that staff and students make RSS a “fun place to be”.

Trustees thanked Greg Kenyon and Jodi Wallach for their report, noting that they are impressed with the breadth of programs being offered and the staff’s creativity and imagination in adopting the redesigned curriculum. They noted the high level of enthusiasm within the school which supports student learning and expressed gratitude to school staff for their commitment to students.

Superintendent Hooker echoed the trustees’ thanks noting the challenges that staff face in continuing to offer a breadth of programs for students, adding that school staff are clearly student-centered and committed to caring for students.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his highlighted activities noting the work of the budget committee and the committee's priority of providing support in the classroom and protecting student services. He also brought trustees attention to the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Sub-Committee meeting which is reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding between the district and the Arts Council adding that the relationship between the district and the Arts Council remains strong and that students have benefitted from the partnership. He highlighted the upcoming year-end celebration/retirement tea which will be held on Monday, June 12th, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Hillcrest Hotel.

Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Results for Grades 4 and 7 in 2016/2017

Superintendent Hooker presented the community results of the MDI for 2016/2017. He said he was pleased to see that the high levels of student well-being which continue to be very strong. These results are used by high school students who go to grade 4 and 7 students and engage in conversation about the survey results. He brought trustees attention to the grade 7 results in the area of "Connectedness with Adults", which indicates that 100% of students feel connected to adults at school and adults at home. Those results confirm the high levels of student engagement at school and at home. Superintendent Hooker explained that the results are not used as a comparison to other districts, but are used for discussion purposes to determine what areas need to be improved upon and to develop strategies to best support student health and well-being.

2016/2017 Committee and Representative Appointments

Trustee MacFarlane presented the revised list with new Trustee Richardson added to the district's Communications and Aboriginal Education Committees as well as the Okanagan College Advisory Committee.

17: R-47 Nicholson/Richardson

"THAT the 2016/2017 Committee and Representative Appointments be received as presented."

CARRIED

Policy 3.4 Graduation Ceremony

Superintendent Hooker presented the policy noting it was revised by the Policy Review Committee as the existing policy does not reflect apprenticeship and dual credit programs.

17: R-48 Nicholson/Richardson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 3.4 Graduation Ceremony".

CARRIED

Policies 3.5 Student Support Services and Policy 3.6 Aboriginal Education Vision and Goals

Superintendent Hooker presented the policies which were circulated following the February 15th, 2017 School Board Meeting. There were no recommendations for changes or additions to the policies.

17: R-49 Chell/Richardson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Policy 3.5 Student Support Service and Policy 3.6 Aboriginal Education Vision and Goals”.

CARRIED

2017/2018 Board Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Hooker presented the board meeting schedule for 2017/2018.

17: R-49 Nicholson/Chell

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the dates for the 2017/2018 Board meetings as presented.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER JUMMUN

2017/2018 Budget Update

Secretary Treasurer Jummun provided a brief overview of his memorandum and the minutes from the first two Budget Committee meetings. He noted the overall increase in revenue as well as an increase in utility costs and an increase in salary and benefit costs. He explained that the budget approval has been moved to the June 14th, 2017 school board meeting to ensure we have as much information as possible regarding revenue/expenses.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of April 5th, 2017

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes.

17: R-50 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of April 5th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of April 24th, 2017

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes.

17: R-51 Nicholson/Richardson

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of April 24th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Okanagan College Advisory Committee Meeting of February 21st, 2017

Superintendent Hooker presented the minutes noting that Trustee Richardson is now on the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee MacFarlane invited members of the audience to ask questions related to items on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Capital Project – Total Completion
- Student Suspensions – April 2017

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 3rd, 2017