



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting May 24th, 2017 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:00 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
Principals:	Todd Hicks, Principal of Begbie View Elementary School
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Bob Rogers, RTA President; 1 RTA member
Regrets:	Secretary Treasurer Jummun

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17: R-52 Rorstad/Richardson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17: R-53 Chell/Richardson

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 3rd, 2017, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Begbie View Elementary School 2016-2017 Annual Report to the Board

Begbie View Elementary School Principal Hicks presented the 2016/2017 Begbie View Elementary School Annual Report to the Board. Principal Hicks began by thanking everyone

noting the past year has been a year of learning for him as he has come to know staff, students, parents, and the school culture. He presented a slide show which began with the school's mission statement *"At BVE, we strive to create a culture of inclusion and respect. In this environment, students are able to work towards becoming life-long, creative and critical learners who are connected, compassionate and contributing members of their community"*. He commented that the school staff embodies the mission statement through their hard work and dedication and their commitment to meeting the needs of students. He explained that as part of the process in implementing the redesigned curriculum, each teacher formulated an inquiry question and he gave a number of examples such as:

- Will having a growth mindset help students transition from K to Grade 1?
- Will daily self-assessment (learning reflections) increase students' abilities and lead to more informed self-regulated learning?
- Will storytelling and writing activities help motivate students to read and write more?
- Will inquiry learning strategies create a more responsible learner?

As an example of how staff and student are implementing the redesigned curriculum, Principal Hicks played a video made by students in which the students travelled back in time and "interviewed" key figures in Canada's history. He commented that projects such as this give more meaning to the students' learning.

Principal Hicks then reviewed the school goal *"To promote a school community with passion, persistence and perseverance towards lifelong learning and to foster positive relationships and pro-social behaviours."* He noted that Social Emotional Learning has been a key focus with a number of strategies having been implemented, such as zones of regulation, a sensory room, social groupings at lunch time, direct one on one support for students, and most recently the "Buddy Bench". He explained that the Buddy Bench is used by students if they are outside playing and are having a hard time finding someone to play with, they can go sit on the Buddy Bench and another student will see them ask the student to join him/her. He added that weekly assemblies focus on the growth mind-set, self-regulation and perseverance.

Principal Hicks reviewed data from the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) and the new Student Learning Survey. He noted that the data is used for information purposes and to develop strategies to improve student health and well-being

He concluded his presentation with a video of student members of a school art club who created a mural of what Revelstoke means to them.

Trustees thanked Principal Hicks for his presentation and thanked the staff for their dedication, creativity and openness to the community. Superintendent Hooker thanked Principal Hicks for his leadership at the school and acknowledged the work Principal Hicks and the staff have accomplished in a short period of time in a very busy school environment.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker highlighted his activities noting the district technology meeting and the Communicating Student Learning Advisory Committee working session adding that although it is challenging work, the Committee is progressing well. He also brought trustees attention to the RSS Girls Soccer Team attending the Valley Championships in Penticton and the large number of RSS Track and Field Team members that will be competing in the 2017 Track and Field Provincials in Langley.

17: R-54 Richardson/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter of thanks to the coaches all Revelstoke Secondary School Teams.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER JUMMUN

2017/2018 Budget Update

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the update to the 2017/2018 budget noting that the Budget Committee has concluded its work. He highlighted the increase in budgeted student supplies costs, the inclusion of budgeted costs related to staff wellness and the use of the prior year's surplus to balance the budget.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee Minutes of May 1st, 2017

Trustee Nicholson presented the minutes noting the committee welcomed Trustee Amanda Richardson, and reviewed the list of groups, organizations and businesses involved with the school district adding that it is a large list that covers a wide variety of groups and organizations. The Committee also discussed ways in which parents can be involved. Superintendent Hooker prepared a Communication Guide which is being circulated to the Committee members.

17: R-55 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Communications Committee meeting of May 1st, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of May 3rd, 2017

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting that the 2016/2017 Middle Years Development Instrument Reports have been posted on the district's website. He also highlighted the capital project work being done at Arrow Heights Elementary School and Columbia Park Elementary School.

17: R-56 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of May 3rd, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meetings of March 13th, 2017 and April 10th, 2017

Received as information.

Trustee Chell presented the minutes highlighting the Spring Children’s Clothing and Toy Exchange held on April 22nd, 2017 noting that the event gets bigger and bigger each time. Also, in addition to the clothing and toys, there is also information for parents available at the event.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Richardson.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Mountain View Site – Sale of Heritage Building Inquiry
- Surplus Schools Update
- Capital Projects Update

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 24th, 2017