



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting October 18th, 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, and Rorstad
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Jummun
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Bob Rogers, RTA President; 2 RTA members, 1 member of the media, Tracy Spannier, Revelstoke Early Childhood Development Coordinator and Revelstoke Community Literacy Coordinator
Regrets:	Trustee Richardson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17: R-80 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17: R-81 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 27th, 2017, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Revelstoke’s Early Childhood Development and Literacy Update presented by Tracy Spannier, Revelstoke Early Childhood Development Coordinator and Revelstoke Community Literacy Coordinator

Tracy Spannier provided a power point presentation beginning with the Early Childhood Development Committee’s (ECD) Vision Statement noting that investment in early childhood

development pays dividends and that the most sensitive period in early brain development is from 0 to 3 years. In Revelstoke, the Early Development Instrument (EDI) is used to measure five core areas of early child development, physical health and well-being, language and cognitive development, social competence, emotional maturity, communication skills and general knowledge. She explained that Revelstoke's data from the EDI has remained consistent over time and represents lower than average vulnerability compared to the province. In addition to the EDI, the ECD is in constant communication with parents asking for feedback on their challenges. That feedback is used for strategic planning coordination and capacity building. The 2016/2017 year the Toddler Development Instrument (TDI) questionnaire was done for the first time. The TDI is completed by parents of children 18 months old. Last year was also the first time Childhood Experiences Questions (CHEQ) questionnaire. The information from the CHEQ assists teachers, the school district and the early learning community to provide better support and services to families and their children. It was noted that the ECD Committee is made of up 15 to 20 people from a broad section of the community.

Ms. Spanner then presented her report on Community Literacy which is supported by the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy and the Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee. The purpose of Community Literacy is to encourage life-long learning by providing support and programs for community members of all ages. Some of the programs offered are Mother Goose, Kindergarten Transition, Parents as Literacy Support, Parents of Primary Students, One to One Reading, Financial Literacy, English as a Second Language, and book drives.

She concluded her presentation by thanking trustees for their time and the school district's ongoing support of early learning and literacy. Superintendent Hooker and Trustees expressed thanks for Tracy's leadership.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his report highlighting his meetings with Revelstoke Teachers' Association President Bob Rogers, the increase of Revelstoke Secondary School students participating in apprenticeships and work experience programs, and the meetings with Duncan McLeod of the Rocky Mountain Institute regarding a possible exchange program with the Guangdong Department of Education in China. He also noted that Tara Johnson, an Arrow Heights Elementary School Teacher will be receiving an honourable mention from Mark Kielburger during an Education Partners breakfast meeting taking place during the WE Day celebrations.

17: R-82 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education provide a letter of congratulations to Tara Johnson for her honourable mention at the WE day celebrations.”

CARRIED

2017/2018 Organization of Classes and Non-Enrolling Report

Superintendent Hooker presented noting the high number of students accessing courses outside of the timetable as many students are taking more courses than they need to meet government requirements. He reviewed the class size averages noting that the district has excellent class sizes and continued high levels of support.

Nichol Road Sidewalk and Arrow Heights Elementary School Forested Play Space

Superintendent Hooker advised that there has been some discussion at the Arrow Heights regarding the extension of the sidewalk along Nichol Road as well as the impacts of the increase in traffic along Nichol Road. He confirmed that the district and school highly value the play space and that he has met with Mike Thomas the Director of Engineering for the City of Revelstoke. The district will work in partnership with the City to protect the shade and the forested play space. He added that two trees were removed to accommodate the outdoor classroom space.

SECRETARY TREASURER JUMMUN

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of September 27th, 2017

Presentation of Final 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements by Auditor (BDO) and Auditor-General

17: R-83 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements be brought forward to the next regular board meeting.”

CARRIED

17: R-84 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of September 13th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 3rd, 2017

Superintendent Hooker presented the minutes highlighting the report of Lisa Moore, Revelstoke Secondary School Aboriginal Student Assistant noting the connections she has made with students including ongoing communication with student that have graduated.

17: R-85 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 3rd, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of October 4th, 2017

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting the annual Arrow Heights Elementary School Haunted House will be taking place on October 26th, 2017, the Harvest Festival taking place at Begbie View Elementary School on October 26th, 2017 and the 20th year of Barry Rourke planning and hosting the series of Last Spike Volleyball Tournaments at Revelstoke Secondary School.

17: R-86 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter of thanks to Barry Rourke for planning and hosting the Last Spike Volleyball Tournaments.”

CARRIED

17: R-87 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of October 4th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Revelstoke Early Childhood Development Committee 2016/2017 Overview Report

Trustee Chell presented the reporting noting that the Revelstoke Early Childhood Development Committee provides numerous parental educational opportunities.

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 5:52 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Exempt Staff Compensation
- BCPSEA Consultation re: Governance
- Student Suspensions – September 2017

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: October 18th, 2017