



Revelstoke Board of Education

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting March 1st, 2018

Minutes

***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: Lisa Moore, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, Laura Stovel, and Ariel McDowell

Regrets: Michelle Cole, Chantal Wilson, Jillian Wiesner, Jessica Stewardson, Amanda Richardson, and Mike Hooker

1. Agenda Additions
2. A review of the February 1st, 2018 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - No errors or omissions
3. Rachel Braund, Revelstoke Team Leader, Ministry of Children and Family Development
 - Tabled. Rachel had to be out of town today, so she plans to attend the May meeting
4. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Chairperson
 - Tabled to May meeting
5. Bursary Disbursements
 - Historical disbursements have been: 2015-16 \$2000 (four bursaries), 2016-17 \$1500 (three bursaries), 2017-18 \$1000 so far (two bursaries).
 - It was noted that students can claim bursaries up until two years after they are awarded, therefore there may still be outstanding amounts that will be claimed.
 - At this time, there are no unspent funds in the Bursary budget. In future years, unspent Bursary funds will be used to support tutoring for Ab Ed students.

6. Enhancement Agreement

- Discussion about enhancing the visibility of local languages. The group decided to start with Welcome signage at each of the school sites, in the languages of the four First Peoples of our area.
- By next meeting, Laura will ask Larae for Nsyilxcen wording, Ariel will ask Tammy Thomas for Secwepemchin wording, and Lisa will ask her contact at the Ktunaxa band office for wording.
- Discussion about the terms “Aboriginal” and “Indigenous”. It was noted that Okanagan Mainline Regional Aboriginal Education changed its name to Okanagan Mainline Regional Indigenous Education this year. No directives from the Aboriginal Education department of the Ministry – they are leaving it up to Districts to decide, and for now their name remains the same. This Advisory Committee will continue to watch discussions, and will revisit the question of a change of terminology at the June meeting.

7. Reports:

Jessica Stewardson’s written report is below:

“Here is an update on what the Elementary AbEd program has been up too!

February has been a great month for the AbEd program at all 3 schools. Drum making has still been a part of all 3 schools and the kids are excited to share it with their classrooms. In the upcoming weeks, we are hoping to bring in the class drum sets so everyone has a chance to use one!

The recess and lunch program is doing amazing! At BVE, we have up to 25 kids during recess! We have been doing a lot of story time, Woodlands art, games and crafts. CPE lunch group is interested in doing dreamcatchers again, so we will be starting that!

AHE lunch group is going to put together an art gallery at the school soon - stay tuned!

We have scheduled Duane from Salmon Arm and Doris who is an Elder from Kamloops to come and join BVE to speak about the etiquette of PowWow's and to show us how to make Jingle Dresses! They will be joining us April 18 and the 23. Gerry Thomas will be presenting at AHE next Thursday, March 8th and we are very happy to have him back!

I have been working with a group of gr. 5's at BVE and they will be presenting the Formation of Nunavut as part of the Canadian Timeline.

Looking forward to March and April!”

Lisa Moore's Oral Report is below:

Lisa highlighted her activities noting that she will travel with two students to a conference on Resiliency next week on the Blood Reserve. One of the students belongs to that Nation, and he has requested to bring his friend who is also an Ab Ed student.

Mixed results from the Respecting Tobacco event – some who said they were keen didn't participate much, but many others took part that hadn't signed up. Ariel and Lisa will complete the final reporting out for the First Nations Health Authority grant.

Lissa Cancilla-Sykes's Oral Report is below:

The next session of the Teacher Inquiry project was held, and teachers have had a chance to explore all of the bins. Their assignment is to work in pairs to develop units at their different grade levels that make use of the bins.

Lissa, Jessica and Lisa are contacting nearby knowledge-keepers to ask if we can receive a drum song from them that we might pass along to Revelstoke children.

8. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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

- May 3rd, 2018
- June 7th, 2018