



School District 19  
(Revelstoke)

# Revelstoke Board of Education

## Regular Board Meeting at Arrow Heights Elementary School May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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 and Secretary Treasurer Jummun
Principals:	Rita Tedesco, Principal of Arrow Heights Elementary School
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Jason Stevens, RTA Vice-President; 2 RTA members, 4 parents, 5 students, and 1 member of the media

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

18: R-31 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

18: R-32 Richardson/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

### DELEGATIONS

### SPECIAL REPORTS

#### Arrow Heights Elementary School 2017/2018 Annual Report to the Board

Principal Rita Tedesco began by welcoming everyone to the meeting and had the 5 students who ranged from grade 4 to 6 introduce themselves. She reviewed the school’s mission statement, code of conduct and “CARES” (Co-operation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm, and Safety) highlighting that 100% of students who, according to the Middle Years Development

Instrument (MDI), agreed with the statement “People care about each other in this school.” Grade organization and staffing was discussed noting that the projected enrolment for the 2018/2019 school year is 165. In the area of Student Learning and Focus Rita explained that part of the implementation process for the redesigned curriculum includes using spirals of inquiry, where staff and students are encouraged to ask meaningful questions as learning is a continuous process with the goal of developing a growth mindset and becoming life-long learners. The recently completed assessments will be used to determine the directions for next year. Arrow Heights Elementary School continues its focus on student health and well-being, and the results of the MDI and Student Learning Survey for students in grades 4 and 7 were reviewed. Rita then highlighted some of the activities students have been involved in this year and had the 5 students read a poem she had written to sum up school life. She concluded her report by thanking parents and community partners for their invaluable contributions to the school.

Trustees thanked Principal Tedesco for her report and the staff, students and parents for their part in creating such a positive school climate – it is clear that Arrow Heights Elementary School “CARES”. Superintendent Hooker thanked the students for their participation noting that the report reflects all of the work that is going on by staff.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER**

##### Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his activity report highlighting the drama performance by Theresa Browning’s Drama 9 – 12 class, meetings with administrators, teachers and Clara Maltby, CUPE President, regarding staffing for 2018/2019, and the BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting adding that the book “The Secret Path” is available in all of the schools. He also noted that with the recently signed Memorandum of Agreement with Teiyi Middle School, and the increasing number of international students wanting to come to Revelstoke, the district will continue to evaluate its international student program to ensure that our goals to have the program benefit our students and to provide a positive experience for international students are met. He added that the City of Revelstoke’s Social Development Committee, which he chairs, and the district are carefully engaging in the work of the City of Revelstoke regarding legalization of cannabis as it will most certainly impact the district as well as the community.

##### Policy 4.8 Transportation to and from School and Policy 5.3 Tobacco, Smoke and Vapour Free Facilities

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the revisions to the policies.

##### 18: R-33      Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 4.8 Transportation to and from School and Policy 5.3 Tobacco, Smoke and Vapour Free Facilities.”

**CARRIED**

Policy 4.7 Facilities and 5.12 Student Photography / Video and Media Consent

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the policies noting that the words District's Mission, Vision and Values were added to Policy 4.7 Facilities. He explained that Policy 5.12 represents our current practice and puts in place boundaries for student safety, noting that the policy confirms that student information, including pictures, are not to be stored on personal devices.

18: R-34 Chell/Nicholson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Policy 4.7 Facilities, and Policy 5.12 Student Photography / Video and Media Consent"

CARRIED

2018/2019 Board Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Hooker presented the meeting schedule. Trustees requested that the time for the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 school board meeting be changed from 5:00 pm to 1:00 pm to accommodate parents/grandparents of young children.

18: R-35 Chell/Nicholson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the dates for the 2018/2019 Board meetings with a change to the time of the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 school board meeting from 5:00 pm to 1:00 pm."

CARRIED

Three Valley Gap Highway Upgrades

Superintendent Hooker presented the Shannon Smith's request that the Revelstoke Board of Education write a letter to Premier Horgan requesting improvements be made to the Three Valley Gap stretch of the TransCanada Highway.

18: R-36 Chell/Richardson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education provide a letter to Premier Horgan requesting that improvements be made to the TransCanada Highway through Three Valley Gap."

CARRIED

**SECRETARY TREASURER JUMMUN**

Trustee Compensation

Secretary Treasurer Jummun explained that based on the recent BC School Trustees' Association survey of provincial trustee remuneration, our district is amongst the lowest of the smaller districts. The recommended increase would bring our trustees up to the average amongst the smaller districts and offset the changes to the *Income Tax Act*. The changes will come into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. It was noted that the majority of school boards and municipal councils will be make the changes to their trustee/councilor compensation due to the changes to the *Income Tax Act*. Trustees noted that the adjustment is appropriate and will hopefully reflect the value and importance of the job of trustee and encourage people to run for office.

18: R-37      Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve stipend adjustments as noted in Appendix A, Table 1 attached hereto effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.”

CARRIED

**OTHER**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Policy Review Committee Minutes of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Trustee MacFarlane provided an overview of the policies the Committee is working on.

18: R-38      Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the Minutes noting that there was a great deal of discussion on the new graduation program and where post-secondary institutions are at in terms of changing their admission requirements to reflect the redesigned curriculum and the new graduation program. Superintendent Hooker added that the Ministry of Education has delayed the implementation of major changes to the graduation program to allow for further work to be done, including the need for post-secondary institutions to adjust their entrance requirements.

18: R-39      Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Budget Committee Minutes of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Secretary Treasurer Jummun reviewed the minutes.

18: R-40      Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

For information.

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

For information. Trustee Chell noted that the Toy and Clothing exchange was held in April with approximately 250 families participating in the event.

British Columbia School Trustee Association Annual General Meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Trustees Nicholson, Chell, MacFarlane, and Richardson attended as well as Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Jummun. Trustees noted that it was one of the best annual general meetings they have attended with many interesting speakers, including Mike Downie, the brother of the late Gord Downie, who presented of the “Secret Path” Project, which honoured Chanie Wenjack – a young boy who died on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1966 as he tried to escape a Residential School.

18: R-41 Chell/Richardson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to the BC School Trustees Association’s Professional Learning Committee thanking them for the quality and choice of presenters.”

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Minister of Education Rob Fleming to Board Chairs dated April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 requesting nominations for the new Premier’s Awards for Excellent in Education which will be distributed.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

**CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Secretary Treasurer Process
- Student Suspensions – April 2018

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018