



Revelstoke Board of Education

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting June 7th, 2018

Minutes

***We acknowledge and honour the four nations
on whose land we live and learn:
the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.***

Called to order at 4:00 pm.

In attendance: Chantal Wilson, Lisa Moore, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, Jessica Stewardson, Ariel McDowell, Rachel Braund and Mike Hooker

Regrets: Michelle Cole, Tammy Thomas and Amanda Richardson

1. Agenda Additions - none
2. A review of the May 3rd, 2018 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - No errors or omissions
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3. Enhancement Agreement
 - The Committee reviewed the Ministry's "*How are we Doing?*" report.
4. Upcoming Activities
 - National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21st, 2018
 - Sinixt Basket Weavers – June 12th and 13th, 2018
 - School District No. 6 Dancers at Arrow Heights Elementary School on June 18th, 2018
 - Visit to Kamloops Residential School on June 20th, 2018 by Begbie View Elementary School grade 5 students.
5. Reports:
 - Jessica Stewardson highlighted some of the many activities she is facilitating in the Elementary schools, including:
 - With the guidance of Secwepemc Elder Doris and her son Duane and parents and students of Begbie View Elementary School, completed jingle dresses and pow wow cowls. The students are

- looking forward to visiting each school and showing off their regalia and dancing on National Indigenous Peoples' Day (June 21st).
 - Continued teaching about the tradition of totem poles and protocols around raising them.
 - Wes Sandy visited the schools and demonstrated indigenous outdoor games. The games will now be made for each school.
 - Visited skunk cabbage.
 - Looking forward to harvest cedar for the basket weaving demonstration by Sinixt Basket Weavers on June 12th and 13th, 2018.
 - Taught students about the four sacred medicines (sweetgrass, sage, tobacco and cedar).
 - The School District No. 6 Dancers will be performing at Arrow Heights Elementary School on June 18th, 2018.
- Lisa Moore shared some highlights from her work at RSS, noting that:
 - Together with Rob Evans and Kathy Hoshizaki, RSS PE Teachers, arranged for Wes Sandy to come to RSS in the Fall to teach PE students Double Ball (a game similar to lacrosse).
 - Participated in the Wellness Fair "Beyond Bannock".
 - Looking forward to harvest cedar for the basket weaving demonstration by Sinixt Basket Weavers on June 12th and 13th, 2018.
 - Attended an indigenous grad at the Splatsin Centre for a former Revelstoke student.
 - Lissa Cancilla-Sykes shared highlights from her work with educators in the District noting that she:
 - Will perform an eagle feather closure with Sarah Newton after her class has spent many lessons learning about the impact of residential schools.
 - Advised that Megan Girling is the new Aboriginal Friendship Society of Revelstoke Coordinator at the Early Years Centre.
 - Steve Smith will be the new RTA Representative on our Advisory Committee as Jillian Wiesner is going on maternity leave.

6. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Tentative meeting dates for the 2018/2019 school year (first Thursdays of the month). All at 4:00 pm at the School Board Office, Upper Meeting Room

- October 4th, 2018
- November 1st, 2018
- December 6th, 2018
- February 7th, 2019
- March 7th, 2019
- May 2nd, 2019 (no April meeting due to two week spring break)
- June 6th, 2019