



Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting February 6th, 2020

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: Chantal Wilson, Chris MacIntosh, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, Marlene Krug, ,
Erin England, Sarah Zimmer, Greg Kenyon, and Mike Hooker

Regrets: Lisa Moore and Bryanna MacLaren (Chris MacIntosh
attended in her place)

1. Agenda Additions
 - Agenda Items 4 and 5 - *Day of Learning and Indigenous Education Planning Group*) will be combined.
2. A review of the November 14th, 2019 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - No errors or omissions
3. Enhancement Agreement/Board Policy
 - Greg Kenyon contacted Kaleb Child Musgamdzi, Director of Indigenous Education, requesting information on the Equity Scan process. Joseph Heslip, Lead, Equity in Action Project, has responded and is willing to discuss this process with the district.
 - The Committee discussed the pros and cons of an Equity Scan noting that the process is strongly based on reconciliation.
 - The Committee recommends an Equity Scan as a way to move towards a more detailed Board policy rather than renewing another Enhancement Agreement.
4. Day of Learning and Indigenous Education Planning Group
 - A meeting of the Indigenous Education Planning Group for the Day of Learning was held on December 17th, 2019 and focused on creating a meaningful celebration in regards to generosity and this place.

- Many classes from all three of the elementary schools are ready to participate with the event taking place on May 21st, 2020 at Arrow Heights and Begbie View Elementary Schools and on May 27th, 2020 at Columbia Park Elementary School.
 - The Revelstoke Secondary School Indigenous Connections class will be preparing for leadership activities with the elementary classes.
5. Meeting with Code Morigeau, Director of the Ktunaxa Nation Council's Education and Employment Sector
- A meeting has been proposed for April 24th, 2020 in Cranbrook however, as the cost to travel to Cranbrook is prohibitive, a "Zoom" meeting may be possible.
6. Reports:
- Marlene Krug provided a written report (copy attached).
 - Lisa Moore was unable to attend the meeting. Greg Kenyon highlighted some of her activities:
 - Lisa would like to order a canvas teepee covering to create a learning area.
 - Lisa has been assisting in the Indigenous Connections classroom.
 - Lissa Cancilla-Sykes has been focusing on planning for the Day of Learning.
7. Adjourned:

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

- March 5th, 2020
- May 7th, 2020
- June 4th, 2020

February 5, 2020 Elementary School Indigenous Education

The way that I work Lunch and Recess programs varies, because of the amount of kids, but generally I try to teach a short lesson during or before a craft or colouring. I bring a board game, a few Indigenous hand games. I have played Raven Tales Video's for a few kids not wanting to do crafts, or Indigenous related video's i.e.- dancing, throat singing.

I have introduced myself to all the Indigenous kids, and showed them my office, chatted and taught a short lesson on Revelstoke. Now I am connecting with teachers, regarding some of the children that may need extra help, and either going into classes, or bringing them to my workspace. For instance, a boy needed some time away from class because he didn't take his medication. We played a game and did some of his homework.

A few teachers have no problems chit chatting and bringing up Indigenous matters, or projects they are working on, so I can help them the best I can. I leave little lessons in the Staff rooms, like counting to 10 in Ktunaxa, or Indigenous Terminology, and a little write up about Swift River. I also try to change up the bulletin boards, ever couple weeks with project kids have worked on, or information on some of the things the kids are learning about.

Some of the projects being worked on

- Beading with Lisa in Mrs. Fords class. Just started at AHE. Mr.Kieller's class is interested in beading a well at CPE.
- Loom Beading BVE, AHE
- Putting together Sinixt and Secwepemc land knowledge for Mrs. Hill CPE
- Working on PAUSE at AHE- doing a station on Smudging and thinking positive.
- Long House Style Puppet stage is being made at BVE Puppets are being made at CPE and AHE will be making props. Maybe we will do a show for the grade ones.
- Started collection Indigenous Games. Would like to see and Indigenous Sports Day
- Would like to see a Salmon Lesson, Story, and Lands before Dams Lesson taught in classes that are raising salmon.
- Always learning Herbs and Medicinal uses.
- Our new board game is being well used – Wildcraft: An Herb Adventure Game
- Metis Lesson on the flag, red river cart, flower bead work