



Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting March 4th, 2021

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, Marlene Krug, Erin England, Sarah Zimmer, Greg Kenyon, Todd Hicks, and Mike Hooker

Regrets: Chantal Wilson, Lissa Cancilla-Sykes, and Stephanie Dodds

1. Agenda Additions
 - Cultural Planning (9)
 - Kevin Lamoureaux (10)
2. A review of the February 4th, 2021 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - No errors or omissions
3. Equity Scan
 - The next meeting of the Equity Scan Team will take place on March 10th to scan the final pillar.
 - Todd Hicks has requested student survey samples from other school districts in our region.
 - The RSS team has been reviewing questions and putting the questions into local context.
 - It was noted that this work is important and should not be rolled up with other actions.
 - Office 365 has the potential to support the survey work.
4. Acknowledgement of Territories and our Board statement of affirmation
 - It is important this is provided time and space for conversation.
 - It is recommended and agreed that the conversation moves to the equity in action process.
 - Question to consider: *What is a broad statement that speaks to our understanding of appropriate acknowledgement.*

5. FNEESC Presentation – Jessica Wood
 - Committee members highlighted the presentation noting many quotes including: stating the importance of transparency, success of Indigenous students, and reframing our systems including education for racial biases.
6. District Support Position : Erin England
 - Erin England has been selected to further support the district’s work to enhance the success of Indigenous students, Indigenous education, and First Peoples Principles of Learning along with addressing equity issues through resource development and professional support. RSS is finding an appropriate space for this work and has established an Indigenous Education team leader position.
7. Spring Newsletter
 - Please submit any information/stories/pictures to Todd Hicks for a Spring Newsletter. The goal is to have something published before spring break.
8. Reports:
 - The written reports of Marline Krug and Lisa Moore are attached. Both of the reports highlighted their busy schedules and the classes they have participated in and their work with students.
9. Cultural Planning
 - Lisa Moore discussed the work currently happening within the community to recognize National Indigenous Days. A guided walk is planned for the path at the forestry museum which is planned to include the Ktunaxa canoe and Red Dress Installation. Permission to share stories has been provided where Knowledge Keepers are not available to participate. Further notes are attached.
 - Participation on the City of Revelstoke’s OCP has demonstrated a lack of Indigenous Peoples participation and historical context for the community. Other communities and cities have invited and created specific councils to support an approach of equity for the direction of their communities. This concern will be brought to the City’s attention by members of this committee.
10. Kevin Lamoureux Presentation on April 22nd, 2021 at BC School Superintendents’ Association Conference
 - Members have been invited to participate in Kevin’s presentation April 22nd with cost to be covered.
11. Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next meeting dates (all at 4:00 pm to be held virtually)

- May 6th, 2021
- June 3rd, 2021