



Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting May 6th, 2021 (held virtually)

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.***

In attendance: Chantal Wilson, Lisa Moore, Erin England, Sarah Zimmer, Greg Kenyon, Todd Hicks, and Mike Hooker

Regrets: Marlene Krug, Marlene Brajak, Stephanie Dodds, and Lissa Cancilla-Sykes

1. Agenda additions
 - Orange shirts
 - Sections meetings
 - Scholarships
2. A review of the March 4th, 2021 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 - No changes
3. Discussion of Kevin Lamoureux's Presentation of April 22nd, 2021
 - Presented for information.
 - Commented that this presentation is not publicly available.
 - Greg Kenyon, Principal of Revelstoke Secondary School noted he showed clips to his staff and will share the clips with Elementary Principals.
4. Equity Scan
 - Completed scanning four pillar topics.
 - Highlighted that feedback indicates that much of the initial work will be to raise awareness of Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Learning as well as cultural and implicit biases including within district policy and practice as well as staff.
 - Survey of students and families has not yet been done but can be tabled for time being as is a secondary step to awareness and practice.
 - Greater awareness has begun at the high school and is in the initial stages at elementary.

- Discussion on if district should have an equity policy – Sarah Zimmer will take the suggestion to the Policy Review Committee.
 - Discussion on staff development of equity issues: importance of having everyone involved.
5. National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21st, 2021
- Marlene Krug was not available to report – Lisa noted that she typically promotes Indigenous games with students
 - Noted due to proximity of classes ending it is difficult to schedule recognition activities. RSS will look at project with Gr 8 Indigenous Connections class to promote awareness with the student/school population
 - Community group is coordinating activities although it was noted that there were struggles due to differing connections between groups.
6. City of Revelstoke's Official Community Plan – Participation of Indigenous members of the community
- Comments that involvement process does not seem to include consultation/relationship building with Indigenous Peoples. It was noted that:
 - There was no language of acknowledgement of place.
 - Feedback can be provided on talkrevelstoke.ca
 - Difficult as it is challenging to identify the community voice of Indigenous Peoples.
 - It does not appear to be a priority.
7. Reports
- Lisa Moore - Highlights:
 - spending time supporting students with scholarships, gov't applications (SIN), job references and applications.
 - Students are excited with making Indigenous connections to their goal setting.
 - Supporting Indigenous Connections class and an elementary field trip.
 - Marlene Krug – to be distributed at next meeting.
8. Additions
- Orange shirts: Todd Hicks will get the past information on the orange shirts regarding the quantity and sizes of shirts typically purchased and will place an order for next year. Typically. the order is in the \$500-700 range.
 - Question if there was an option for parents to purchase or what process was in place for students who may be financially vulnerable. Confirmed that they are made available to students at no cost.
 - Scholarships – Lisa reported that there are 5 students who would qualify for Indigenous Ed scholarship. Requested that a recommendation should come from the RSS Scholarship Committee to the District Principal of Indigenous Education as a special funding request.

- Sarah Zimmer commented that the Policy Committee appreciated the feedback received from members of this Advisory Committee to assist with viewing policy and procedures through both an Indigenous and Equity lens.

9. Adjournment 4:45 pm

Next meeting – June 3rd, 2021