



Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting

November 4th, 2021

Minutes

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

Called to order at 4:05 pm.

In attendance: Lisa Moore, Erin England, Sarah Zimmer, Todd Hicks, and Mike Hooker

Regrets: Chantal Wilson, Marlene Krug, Stephanie Dodds, Marlene Brajak, and Kirby Miller

1. Agenda Additions

- BCSSA conference speaker. Members were invited to join in and invite a guest to view Carolyn Roberts, SFU Faculty Lecturer on Thursday Nov 18th from 3:30 to 5:00. The presentation will be available in the downstairs conference room at the School Board Office.
- Scholarship – agreed to continue with 3 scholarships at \$500 as well as provide 2 additional scholarships of \$500 this year due to expected need.
- Appropriation in resources. Todd will circulate to teacher librarians and library clerks the resource review documents shared recently during the October OMRIE meeting as a guideline to further support resource review for inappropriate content and appropriation. An example that has recently been discussed and to be reviewed include The Six Cedar Trees.
- Acknowledgement statement: committee requested the acknowledgement to read as: ***We would like to respectfully honour the four nations on whose land we live and learn: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.***

2. A review of the October 7th, 2021 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:

- No errors or omissions

3. Policy 3.6 Indigenous Education Vision and Goals
 - Feedback was provided on the current draft policy. Discussion included revising opening two paragraphs and including phrasing that refers to the impact of educational institutions on Indigenous peoples as well as supporting anti-racism, anti-assimilation and decolonizing our learning communities. It was felt that reference to the district vision of Indigenous Education should be placed in within the district strategic plan and terms of reference for the advisory committee.
4. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
 - Due to the shift from an Enhancement Agreement to the district plan for Equity and Indigenous Learning a Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Ed Advisory committee will need to be created as required by the Ministry. The committee members will review and provide feedback to Todd for circulation prior to the next Advisory meeting.
5. Equity Scan
 - Todd highlighted some of the evidence of the work that is currently been undertaken within the district to further the goals and actions of the Equity and Indigenous Learning plan. Todd will post updates to the website within each of the four pillars with ongoing progress and evidence. Document attached.
6. Indigenous Education Budget
 - 2021-22 Budget was circulated for review. Suggested adjustments included additional funding for guests and presentations, funding to support 'Red Dress' partner project with Revelstoke Arts Council. Areas of need for further supports were discussed. Todd Hicks and Mike Hooker to pursue.
7. Reports:
 - Marlene Krug was not in attendance. Written report to follow.
 - Lisa Moore highlighted her written report noting
 - Phrasing she is learning in the Ktunaxa language course currently participating in.
 - Phenology course – she has been revisiting a specific area to note the seasonal changes.
 - Working with Dale Thomas from the City.
 - Assisting a student establish a beading activity open to others.
 - Supporting a student who is currently facing personal challenges.
 - Erin England highlighted her activities with an oral report noting:
 - Appreciated the work being done by maintenance to set up an Indigenous Education workspace at Revelstoke Secondary School.

- Learning on the Land off timetable course has 11 students attending. Recent visit to Mt. McPherson was very successful with students harvesting a number of mushrooms. Partnering with Parks Canada for an upcoming orientation and mapping project.

8. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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

- December 3rd, 2020
- February 4th, 2021
- March 4th, 2021
- May 6th, 2021
- June 3rd, 2021