



Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting December 9th, 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, Marlene Krug, Sarah Zimmer, Kirby Miller, Todd Hicks, and Asa Kenyon

Regrets: Chantal Wilson, Mike Hooker, Erin England,

1. Agenda Additions
 - Scholarship letter, Caleb Martin. Caleb provided a heartfelt thank you for the support provided during his time in school along with the financial recognition for his studies.
 - The committee welcomed Asa Kenyon who will be taking the role as a committee member for the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
2. A review of the November 4th, 2021 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - No errors or omissions,
3. Policy 3.6 Indigenous Learning and Equity (review revisions from Policy Review Committee)
 - Current revisions were reviewed. Sarah Zimmer noted that the Policy Review Committee felt some items that were recommended by the Indigenous Education Committee were beyond the scope of a policy and recommended the Advisory Committee consider inclusion in the Terms of Reference currently being developed. It was requested that a copy of the policy for the next meeting should include the editing notes.
4. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (ToR)
 - Todd Hicks noted that the ToR were previously embedded in the district's Enhancement Agreement and now that the district has moved to an Equity Plan the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee should have a ToR to guide its work. The committee reviewed through the draft plan with a goal to consider what should be included, revised, or removed. See notes attached.

5. Equity Scan

- Todd highlighted the work of the Indigenous Education team and the activities they are providing. The only concern being heard is that due to the need to limit the number of sessions, many classes are disappointed they are unable to participate.
- We are currently reviewing options for additional staffing to support the teams work and increase opportunities.
- Erin England recently presented to the RSS staff highlighting the Equity Scan goals. This generated further discussion for the ongoing need to build understanding of systemic and implicit bias and equity. It was noted that a potential topic for an upcoming professional development may include further learning on appropriation, ways of learning vs cultural content and protocols.

6. Correspondence (Letter from First Nations Leadership Council to Hon. Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education)

- Todd noted the concern from the First Nations Leadership Council to maintain the Foundation Skills Assessment as this assessment has been an important indicator of the success of First Nations learners.

7. Reports:

- Marlene Krug highlighted her written report noting:
 - field trips to the river pointing out the historical village sites;
 - classes who learned the honour song and the protocols around its use
 - the opportunities for connecting with the needs and progress of students.
- Lisa Moore highlighted her written report noting:
 - the success of the current programs being offered including the railway museum visits and Randy Williams' visit;
 - Maya Manson has been invited to provide themed artwork in various locations within Revelstoke.
 - community members have been very pleased with the invite and participation in Indigenous themed activities.

8. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned.

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

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