



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

District Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022
1:00 p.m.
(to be held virtually)

Britt Hunchak (RSS)
Stacey Lamont (RSS)
Sheena Wells (CPE)
Diana Bostock (CPE)
Amy McGiven (AHE)
Tanya Traverse (AHE)
Austin Luciow (BVE)
Jeremiah Sappington (BVE & RSS)
Elmer Rorstad, Trustee
Mike Hooker, Superintendent

A G E N D A

1. Call to order and recognition of traditional territories.

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. Attendance

3. Agenda Additions

4. A review of the minutes of February 2nd, 2022

5. Correspondence

6. Treasurer's Report

- Funds in Regular Account _____
- Funds in Gaming Account _____

7. Board of Trustees / District Administration News

7.1 COVID K-12 Guidelines Update

8. Old Business

8.1 Spending of Gaming Funds

9. New Business

10. PAC News

11. Adjournment

Next meeting dates (all at 1:00 pm to be held virtually)

- May 4th, 2022
- June 1st, 2022

Agenda sent on February 23rd, 2022



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Revelstoke Board of Education

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Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

Call to order 1:00 pm

2. **Acknowledgement**

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.

3. **Attendance**

Britt Hunchak (RSS), Sheena Wells (CPE), Diana Bostock (CPE), Austin Luciow (BVE), Jeremiah Sappington (BVE), Tanya Traverse (AHE), Amy McGiven (AHE), and Mike Hooker (Superintendent)

Regrets: Stacey Lamont (RSS) and Elmer Rorstad (School Board Trustee)

4. **Agenda Additions**

- Spending of gaming funds

5. **Review of Minutes of Last Meeting – December 8th, 2021**

- Accepted as presented – no errors or omissions

6. **Correspondence**

- None

7. **Treasurer's Report**

- Funds in the Regular Account total \$2,036.62
- Funds in the Gaming Account total \$4,393.18
 - Gaming grant was received in mid-December
 - Last year's financial report has been submitted

8. **Board of Trustees/District Administration News**

Draft 2022/2023 District Calendar

- Some changes have been made to the draft calendar previously sent to DPAC.
- The January 3rd, 2023 Pro-D day has moved to May 1st, 2023
- The February Pro-D day has moved from February 24th to 17th which is the Friday before Family Day which will result in a 4 day weekend for families.

- The district is awaiting confirmation from the provincial government that the Federal Statutory Holiday of September 30th for Truth and Reconciliation will also be a Statutory Holiday provincially.
- Feedback is always welcome so please circulate to your respective PACs.

Vaccination Policy

- Want to ensure that good information is out in the community. It is not a mandate, it is a policy. A mandate implies that you have to be vaccinated in order to work, however that is not the case in school districts. In agreement with the BC Teachers' Federation and CUPE, there are 3 options, get vaccinated, do rapid testing or go on unpaid leave.
- No staff members expressed concern to the Board regarding the policy however a few members of the community expressed concerns.
- The Board's goal is to make a statement that people who are eligible and able to be vaccinated should be vaccinated. The Board is not trying to force anyone to make a decision to be vaccinated. Staff members who are not vaccinated will do rapid testing. Policies regarding testing will be in place.
- Interior Health has expressed that they are pleased that the district has implemented a vaccination policy and given the high vaccination rate in the community, Revelstoke was perhaps the community least likely to need it.
- Currently 8 of 60 districts in the province are implementing or have implemented vaccination policies. The districts that are not implementing a policy are often doing it due to possible staffing shortages if unvaccinated staff refuse testing and go on unpaid leave.
- The policy will continue to evolve as provincial directives change.
- Interior Health can instruct school districts that it is mandatory for district employees to disclose their vaccination status.

Equity in Action Progress Report

- The document will continue to be built upon.
- Note the end of the document which provides a summary and list of activities that have taken place to date in this school year.

Presentation by Dr. Sean Larsen entitled *Supporting Anxious Children and Youth through a Pandemic and Beyond*

- Despite having COVID, Dr. Larsen provided an excellent presentation.
- The presentation has been posted to the district website with the password to access the presentation.

9. Old Business

- None

10. New Business

BCCPAC February 10th, 2022 Interactive Session entitled *Understanding PACs from A-Z and Why they are Important for Families*

- Britt Hunchak received the invitation. She will send out to everyone by email in case anyone wants to attend.
- Please share with your school PAC members.

11. PAC News

AHE

- Christmas craft fair was very successful for the PAC and Grade 7 students
- Save-On foods donated oranges
- The Christmas production went very well and was filmed so families could watch it later
- A Christmas door decorating contest was held and classes won pizza and the Christmas food drive went well
- A Kawakubo lunch is this week
- Work on the yearbook is ongoing
- Book and PJ day was held and spirit week is coming up
- PAC purchased folding avalanche shovels for the school which are being well used

BVE

- Just started True Earth – not sure how it is going
- Pizza lunch from the Village Idiot was held, Subway lunch is coming up
- Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022
- Valentine's Day cards are organized by classes
- The school is trying to make the 9th street pathway to school more accessible

CPE

- Scholastic Book Fair at \$6,000 was the biggest year
- Purdy's chocolates sold \$8,000
- Craft fair was held this year
- A Chinese food hot lunch was had in January and it will be Kawakubo in February
- Grade 6/7 after school basketball is taking place
- Cross country and downhill skiing is taking place
- A seed fundraiser is on right now
- A True Earth (green initiative) fundraiser is being considered (20% goes to PAC)

RSS

- Sr. Boys Volleyball Provincials – RSS came in 7th. The community help finance the flight to Victoria as they were unable to drive their due to flooding/landslides and road closures.
- Leadership class organized a dodgeball league at lunch time in December. The teachers lost to the seniors.
- The extra week off at Christmas was a challenge for some.
- Absences among staff and students are slightly higher than normal.
- RSS was able to continue with the breakfast program.
- Grade 10 and 12 students will write their numeracy and literacy tests in April.
- Cell phone use has raised some concerns with staff.
- PAC donated \$300 to the yearbook and purchased a TV monitor for the multi-purpose room.
- First semester finished January 31st and second semester began February 1st.

12. Spending of Gaming Funds (Discussion)

- DPAC members discussed some options for the use of the gaming funds.

- It was decided that the best use of gaming funds will be put on the agenda for the March 2nd, 2022 meeting and everyone is asked to bring their ideas to the meeting.

13. **Adjourned:** 1:35 pm

Next meeting dates: All meetings will be held virtually at 1:00 pm

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