



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting at Revelstoke Secondary School June 1st, 2022 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	MacFarlane and Zimmer Trustees Chell, Rorstad, and Pendergast (attended virtually)
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale (attended virtually)
Principals/Vice Principals:	Todd Hicks, District Principal Student Services, Greg Kenyon, Principal RSS, and Jodi Wallach, Vice Principal RSS
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Barry Rourke, RTA President

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22: R-39 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22: R-40 Rorstad/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 11th,2022, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Revelstoke Secondary School Annual Report to the Board

Greg Kenyon thanked the board for holding the meeting in the school and he also thanked Jodi Wallach for providing trustees with the tour of the school.

He began his presentation with a description of “Who We Are”:

- 417 students including international students, francophone students and part-time home-schooled students.
- 32 teaching staff and 19 support staff.

- 13% of student self-identify as Indigenous.
- 109 students are identified for support.

A slide of a collage of pictures of students engaged in a wide assortment of daily school activities demonstrated that this “Is who we are”. Jodi Wallach expressed her appreciation to the community for their support noting the example of the funds raised to fly the school’s volleyball team to Victoria for the provincial championships when the roads were closed due to washouts and flooding.

School Growth

Based on data, staff and administration determined that the school would focus on three areas for school growth:

- Building student resilience, motivation and self-confidence;
- Literacy; and
- Numeracy.

Using a strength-based approach, staff focused on building student resilience, motivation and self-confidence which was very important during COVID. Staff and students were flexible during COVID as health guidance and restrictions changed. Due to COVID and its impact on students and their learning, new programs and supports were introduced to help support student mental health. Mr. Kenyon then provided data from student surveys noting the high numbers of students that identify that at least one adult at school cares about them – 98% average across all 5 grades. He also provided data from the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) which was conducted at the grade 8 level for the first time this year. The MDI results indicate that the grade 8 students have transitioned well from grade 7 into the high school. In summary, compared to the rest of the province, Revelstoke students are doing very well. RSS staff will continue their work on building resilience and are implementing a screening tool for data collection to be used to enhance existing programs and supports and to develop new ones.

Mr. Kenyon then reviewed the Fall, Winter and Spring Growth Learning noting that it is wonderful to have normal school activities again. Prom, extra-curricular sports and special events have all been successful. RSS continues to emphasize Indigenous learning and has 4 courses that have an Indigenous focus, 3 of which will meet the new provincial grad requirement.

In summary, “We are back”. RSS will continue to deal with the effects of COVID and is looking to the future.

Trustees and Superintendent Hooker thanked Greg Kenyon and Jodi Wallach for the presentation noting that although RSS is a small school, it continues to offer a wide variety of courses, programs and support all of which is reflected in students’ feeling cared for and connected to the adults in the school and noted from the presentation it is clear there is an exceptional level of connectedness between staff and students. Trustees expressed thanks to staff for their caring approach!

Greg Kenyon and Jodi Wallach left the meeting at 5:37 pm

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report highlighting the well-received Ready Set Learn events held at each of the elementary schools, the ongoing work with CUPE executive, and the booking of Sandra Herbst for the August 31st, 2022 school planning day. He also noted the upcoming Educational Assistant placement meeting taking place on June 6th, 2022. There will be 32 Educational Assistant positions for the 2022/2023 school year. He thanked the trustees who participated in the Grade 12 Capstone Projects, noting that there are still some grads that will be presenting their Capstone Projects as they were unable to attend the earlier sessions.

Equity and Indigenous Learning Progress Report

Todd Hicks, District Principal Student Services, presented the reporting noting the work of the Indigenous Education team and the work of the district as a whole in increasing awareness of Indigenous ways of learning and knowing. The district has done a good job of starting the work in the four areas of:

- Policy and Governance
- Learning Environment
- Pedagogical Core
- Learning Profile

Working on these areas has increased awareness and brought the conversation into the classroom. The number of students who self-identify as Indigenous has remained consistent, which is an indication that those students see the value and have pride in their culture.

Superintendent Hooker thanked Todd Hicks for the report noting it is a living document and is posted on our district's website.

Policies 4.18 Accumulated Operating Surplus and Inter-Fund Transfer, 8.1 The Community and our School District, 8.2 Corporate Sponsorship and 8.3 Inquiries and Concerns for feedback

The revised policies were presented. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale explained that Policy 4.18 was amended due to revised Ministry guidelines. Trustee Zimmer noted that the other three policies the Committee thoughtfully reviewed, in particular Policy 8.2 Corporate Sponsorship to ensure that students are not used as advertising.

22: R-41 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policies 4.18 Accumulated Operating Surplus and Inter-Fund Transfer, 8.1 The Community and our School District, 8.2 Corporate Sponsorship and 8.3 Inquiries and Concerns for feedback.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of May 16th, 2022

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes.

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of May 16th, 2022 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee MacFarlane invited members of the audience to ask questions related to items on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. on the motion of Trustee GP.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Superintendent Contract
- Teacher Bargaining
- CUPE Bargaining

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: June 1st, 2022