



Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting

November 3rd, 2022

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 4:00 pm

In attendance: Chantal Wilson, Lisa Moore, Jessica Stewardson, Erin England, Sarah Zimmer, Jodi Wallach, Asa Kenyon, and Roberta Kubik
Regrets: Kirby Miller and Marlene Krug

1. Agenda Additions
 - Space allocation for Indigenous Education throughout the district
 - Indigenous Education Budget at RSS
 - Sturgeon nosed canoe
2. Circle Check In – *What new beginnings are you looking forward to?*
 - Asa Kenyon noted that BC is changing provincial legislation to remove barriers for Indigenous People exercising jurisdiction over child and family services. Amendments are being made to the Child Family Community Service Act and the Adoption Act.
3. A review of the October 6th, 2022 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - No errors or omissions
4. Correspondence – Thank you letter from Ava Kerrak
 - Ava's letter was circulated.
5. Report on the Okanagan Regional Indigenous Education (OMRIE) meeting held on October 14th, 2022 in Osoyoos.
 - A regional concern is the various protocols within and between bands can be different and we look to finding ways to honour them.
 - Kamloops states which protocol is being followed for an event, offering families the option to not participate if it does not follow their protocol. Erin England spoke to ceremony and colonization and the affects that have followed.
 - Regional gathering for students in Kamloops through OMRIE. Regional group is looking into an overnight trip for students to Kamloops

6. Equity Scan

- Erin England and Dana Reaume are continuing with workshops. The third one coming up around power, privilege. Social vocation statements will be created.
- Monthly programs continue. Ordered some puzzle piece mats and an oil heater for story telling in the tipis. January is stay at home month.
- Joe Heslip, Ministry Field Liaison for Indigenous Education, contacted Todd Hicks to ask if he could share the district's scan provincially.
- Our goal is to have an equity committee for the district with representation from each school by the end of this school year with goals for next September.

7. Reports

Lisa Moore provided the report below:

Indigenous Education Steering Committee report

Lisa Moore

Student Assistant RSS

November 3, 2022

- Salmon Celebration at Squilax September 30 – met an Elder who can connect us with a carver for our Indigenous Connections class next semester
- Field trip to TumTum (grade 8) – Kokanee spawning
- Three Sister's Soup (made soup for classes)
- Supporting students
 - Ride to doctor appointment
 - Métis (MNBC) membership applications
 - Walk along the TumTum Dyke
 - Supplying food/tea
 - Connecting individually
 - Encouraging attendance
 - Verna J Kirkness applications (two this year)
- Virtual campfire webinar – recognizing value of traditional knowledge especially for environmental concerns
- Raised the tipi/lodge
- Took a student moving to Sicamous to the high school to meet counsellor and teachers
- Attended C2C conference
 - Canada Forest Trust
 - Two-Eyed Seeing
 - Contact for supplies for brain tanning
 - Visited with Shelly Boyd and Eileen Delehanty Pearkes (Geography of Memory author)
- First meeting for the Salmon Feast 2023 (name to be changed)
- Met with Arts Revelstoke re: supporting Indigenous Education to bring in performers, educators in arts
- Contacting musicians (with Jessica)

- Indigenous Cloud info session – a new platform aiming to be a hub for Indigenous cultural sharing

Jessica Stewardson provided the written report below:

- October was a great month connecting with students and busy with our Three Sisters Soup monthly program. The Three Sisters Soup was a hit in all classrooms. The students and teachers were very engaged with the story and we got mostly a thumbs up for the soup! Thank you to Lisa Moore for making all of the soup!
- At CPE, I have been holding a boy's club at the lunch hour. This is a 6-week program which will be coming to an end November 17th. The group will be hosting a luncheon for their parents and will be preparing bannock with moose stew.
- At AHE and BVE, I've been lucky to connect with the gr 7 girls at lunch hour as well and spending time in the kitchen! In addition, I have started to read to students at recess for the primary grades.
- We are very grateful for the spaces we have at each school; however, I do hope to see it expand in the future while the Indigenous Education program continues to grow.
- During the days that I am at each school, I try to make a stop to connect with all students.

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8. Space Allocation for Indigenous Education throughout the district
 - A dedicated space for Indigenous Education at each school including space for students to gather was discussed. Current spaces vary and materials/resources are often being used by others. The 2016-2021 Enhancement Agreement has one of the trail markers for developing a spirit of belonging is to encourage designated spaces in each school that welcome students and families. Erin England has been looking at the schools for options for space. Please think about that this month and we can revisit at the next meeting.
9. Indigenous Education Budget at RSS
 - The district's Indigenous Budget and a budget for schools was discussed.
10. Sturgeon nosed canoe
 - Tabled
11. Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

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

- December 1st, 2022
- February 2nd, 2023
- March 2nd, 2023
- May 4th, 2023
- June 1st, 2023