



Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting April 30th, 2014 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Morrone, Rorstad, and Dubasov

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker, and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

Principals: Ariel McDowell, Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President; and one member of the public

Regrets: Director of Operations & Technology Woodhurst

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14: R-35 Dubasov/Nicholson

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented"

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14: R-36 Nicholson/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 2nd, 2014, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

2013-2014 Columbia Park Elementary School Annual Report

Principal McDowell presented the 2013-2014 Columbia Park Elementary School Annual Report to the board. She began by reviewing the 3 school goals in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and School Connectedness acknowledging the work of staff to ensure success for all students. She noted the importance of the ongoing focus on the school "R.A.I.S.E." (Respect all individuals self and environment). The R.A.I.S.E. is reviewed regularly with students and "GOTCHA"S" provide positive reinforcement to students. School connectedness continues to

be a focus for activities as staff, students and parents create a culture where it is not ok to have power over another, differences are embraced and diversity is valued. Principal McDowell provided trustees with a handout with the “unofficial” 2014 Satisfaction Survey results noting that the results will be reviewed with students to guide school programs. She also reviewed the Foundation Skills Assessment survey results, which indicate a slight improvement in numeracy and consistently high rates of success in the area of literacy.

Principal McDowell noted the many staff led activities that take place at the school that connect the school to the community. She acknowledged the outstanding leadership provided by the Grade 7 students and the wonderful support of the “awesome” Parent Advisory Council.

In conclusion Principal McDowell presented a slide show after reading the school’s mission statement, which is:

“The Columbia Park Elementary community supports the development of our students as life-long, independent learners and responsible citizens, who value diversity and defend human rights in all environments.”

Trustees thanked Principal McDowell for the school’s annual report noting the high levels of student and staff engagement and commended the staff as they clearly are working well together on behalf of the students. Superintendent Hooker thanked Principal McDowell for the presentation noting the value of the work Mrs. McDowell is leading to encourage meaningful conversations among students and staff with respect to social and emotional development.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker began his report by noting the significant loss the community felt over the weekend regarding the tragic death of a father.

He then highlighted Ryan Clayton’s presentation to Revelstoke students for the 6th year in a row, on his knowledge and experience of issues related to homophobia. Superintendent Hooker reviewed the recent changes to staff: Naoko Swift is the new StrongStart Coordinator, Chelsea von Tol, will be the new District Speech and Language Pathologist, and Michael Haworth will be the new District Vice Principal, Technology (both effective 2014/15). He also noted meetings with Clara Maltby, CUPE President and Jennifer Wolney, RTA President to review the use of the Learning Improvement Funds for 2014/15.

Policy 6.8 Bullying and Harassment

Superintendent Hooker presented Policy 6.8 Bullying and Harassment, which addresses the new Workers’ Compensation Act Guidelines implemented earlier this year. The Policy was presented to the board earlier and has now been circulated for feedback.

Policy 6.8 Bullying and Harassment

14: R-37 Nicholson/Morrone

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approved Policy 6.8 Bullying and Harassment.

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of April 1st, 2014

14: R-38 Dubasov/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of April 1st, 2014 be received as presented."

CARRIED

French Language Advisory Committee Minutes of April 1st, 2014

Superintendent Hooker advised that the Minutes need to be amended to delete the reference to Kendra von Bremen as Teacher and Parent, as Ms. Von Bremen's is a parent representative on the committee but not a "teacher" representative. Trustee Nicholson noted that a wide-ranging discussion took place at the April 1st, 2014 meeting but a consensus on future directions was not reached. Superintendent Hooker advised that he is now consulting with principals on ways to enhance core French.

14: R-39 Nicholson/Morrone

"THAT the minutes of the French Language Advisory Committee meeting of April 1st, 2014 as amended be received as presented."

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of April 9th, 2014

14: R-40 Dubasov/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of <> be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10th, April 3rd and April 4th, 2014

Received as information. Trustee Chell noted the many meetings in a short timeline with respect to the application for an Early Years Centre Test Site and that Tracy Spannier, Early Childhood Development Coordinator, having gathered significant feedback from our many partner groups, submitted an excellent application.

British Columbia School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting of April 24 – 27th, 2014

Trustee Nicholson provided his report on the Annual General Meeting noting that Trustee Chell has been elected to the Board of Directors of the British Columbia School Trustees' Association. He added that the budget, which included a cost of living adjustment, was passed and that the New Trustees academy will now be a pre-AGM workshop. He also added that the Janet Mort presentation on vulnerable children was excellent. Trustee Dubasov added that the sessions were informative and well done. Trustee Chell advised that the main theme of the AGM was budget pressures put onto districts and there was much discussion on funding issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Dubasov.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Teacher Bargaining Update
- CUPE Bargaining Update
- Capital Project Revenue Update
- Student Suspensions – March 2014

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: April 30th, 2014