Revelstoke Board of Education



Regular Board Meeting December 20th, 2017 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the nations on whose traditional territory we are gathering: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad and Richardson

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker

and: Administrative Secretary Magarian

Guests: Michelle Gadbois, RTA member, and one member of the media

Regrets: Secretary Treasurer Jummun

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17: R-98 Chell/Rorstad

"THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.1.1 D Guiding Principles for Public Sector K-12 Education Funding Model Review – Draft for Feedback."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17: R-99 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 29th, 2017, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker began his report by reviewing the stranger incident that took place at Columbia Park Elementary School on Monday, December 18th, 2017 noting the professionalism of staff to maintain low levels of anxiety for students. The district maintained close contact with the RCMP and as the situation had not been cleared by the RCMP, it was determined to have a delayed release at the end of the day. The procedure for each school was that each student had to make contact with a parent/caregiver to be picked up from the school. Bus students were driven directly to their homes to ensure their safety. He added that the district counsellor has met with the student involved, the student's family as well as other students.

Superintendent Hooker highlighted the trades related grants the district has received, and the attendance of Mike Thomas, the City of Revelstoke's Director of Engineering and Public Works, at the February DPAC meeting. Mike Thomas will be discussing traffic patterns and safety around our schools with DPAC. He also noted the work being done with Nicole Fricot, Director of Community Economic Development with respect to space for a potential fabrication laboratory, and the outstanding Elizabethan Feast held at Revelstoke Secondary School. Trustees discussed the Heart and Stroke Foundation's donation of automated external defibrillator (AED) to each school and Superintendent Hooker confirmed that training for staff will take place in the new year.

17: R-100 Chell/Richardson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter of thanks to the Heart and Stroke Foundation for their donation of AED's to each of the schools."

CARRIED

Big Eddy Subdivision Status

Superintendent Hooker provided a summary and the current status of the redevelopment /subdivision of the Big Eddy site as there are many questions coming forward regarding the availability of the lots. He noted that to date the district, recognizing that the City is very busy, has not put pressure on the City to process the district's application. Trustees expressed concern that it appears that private housing developments are being given priority over the district's application.

Trustee Richardson abstained from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

17: R-100 Chell/Nicholson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to the City of Revelstoke urging them to process the district's application for the Big Eddy property as soon as possible."

CARRIED

Daily Breakfast Program Pilot Projects 2017-2018

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the pilot projects noting the excellent volunteers running the informal breakfast programs at Begbie View Elementary School, Columbia Park Elementary School and Revelstoke Secondary School. This project is a pilot project being coordinated by

Ariel McDowell, District Principal, Support Services. The district is seeking a Coordinator for the breakfast program to work on a small contract basis for the balance of the school year.

<u>Guiding Principles for Public Sector K-12 Education Funding Model Review – Draft for</u> Feedback

Trustee MacFarlane explained that the Ministry of Education has requested feedback from school districts on the guiding principles for the Ministry's public sector K-12 education funding model review. The feedback from districts is being coordinated through the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA). The BCSTA will summarize the feedback and review it with trustee representatives at the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting taking place in February. After the Provincial Council meeting, the feedback will be provided to the Ministry of Education by the BCSTA. Trustee MacFarlane asked trustees to provide their feedback by January 9th, 2018.

SECRETARY TREASURER JUMMUN

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of November 28th, 2017

Trustee Macfarlane reviewed the minutes noting the committee welcomed two new students.

17: R-101 Nicholson/Richardson

"THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of November 28th, 2017 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of December 5th, 2017

17: R-102 Chell/Nicholson

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August, 2017 in the amount of \$1,355,532.58 be approved."

CARRIED

17: R-103 Chell/Nicholson

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August, 2017 in the amount of \$2,359,088.28 be approved."

CARRIED

17: R-104 Chell/Richardson

"THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of December 5th, 2017 be received as presented."

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of December 6th, 2017

Trustee Rorstad reviewed the minutes noting that there are new committee members and there was some discussion regarding the draft 2018/2019 district calendar with respect to the two week spring break. Superintendent Hooker explained that the number of instructional days has not decreased. The district is collecting feedback from parents and will provide that feedback to trustees at the February board meeting. He also advised that the district works with

Community Connections, the Revelstoke Child Care Society and the City's Parks and Recreation Department to support programs and activities for students to participate in during spring break.

17: R-105 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of December 6th, 2017 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of December 7th, 2017

Trustee Richardson provided a summary of the minutes highlighting the guest speakers, Irene Laboucane, SD83 Director of Aboriginal Education, and Tammy Thomas, Neskonlith Education Director, and the discussions regarding bringing the two communities together for activities and sharing information.

17: R-106 Richardson/Chell

"THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of December 7th, 2017 be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Okanagan College Regional Advisory Committee Meeting of October 31st, 2017

Received as information.

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 5:48 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Guiding Principles for Public Sector K-12 Education Funding Model Review
- Student Suspensions November 2017

Chair
Secretary Treasurer

DATED: December 20th, 2017