



Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting at Arrow Heights Elementary School June 19th, 2019 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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, Rorstad, Zimmer and Pendergast
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
Principals:	Rita Tedesco, Principal AHE
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Bob Rogers, RTA President; 1 RTA member, 2 members of the public (parents) and 6 students
Regrets:	Trustee Chell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19: R-52 Pendergast/Zimmer

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19: R-53 Rorstad/Pendergast

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 29th, 2019, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Arrow Heights Elementary School 2018/2019 Annual Report to the Board

Arrow Heights Elementary School Principal Rita Tedesco began her report by welcoming everyone and having the six students introduce themselves. Principal Tedesco noted that there is a great feeling of community in the school and it is a great place to learn. She highlighted the CARES matrix (Cooperation, Achieve, Respect, Enthusiasm, and Safety) adding that everything is built on the CARES matrix such as the Code of Conduct. The core competencies of thinking (critical and creative), communication, personal awareness and responsibility, social

responsibility and positive personal identity are also embedded in the CARES matrix. This past year grades Kindergarten to Grade 4 pursued an inquiry using the book *The Six Cedar Trees*. The book uses an indigenous perspective with specific animals to represent each of the core competencies to teach students ways to be reflective, compassionate and develop a sense of social responsibility. The program will be expanded to the higher grades for the 2019/2020 school year.

Principal Tedesco then reviewed the school goals, noting that staff created areas of focus rather than goals. Two of the areas of focus were reading and numeracy. In the area of reading, staff shifted the focus from reading competency to reading comprehension and reviewed how literacy time is used. The same principle was used for numeracy and those needing support were providing with extra support. The school will continue with numeracy intervention to fill in the missing pieces.

Principal Tedesco then reviewed social emotional learning noting that the school is doing very well in many domains, but one area of further inquiry is student's worries and anxieties. One of the programs the school is using to address students' mental health is PAUSE (Parents As Ultimate Supporters and Educators for Mental Health). Teacher Michelle Gadbois explained the PAUSE program and that it involves five afternoons, three afternoons with students and two afternoons with parents and students. The program connects parents and students to community helpers and is in all three elementary schools. A student was introduced and spoke of the importance of the program as kids experience stress and the program helps parents understand that.

Principal Tedesco then introduced three other students to talk about "Exploration" which is offered to students in grades 4 – 7. The students explained the various projects they did which ranged from drama set design and cooking to using coding to building games and making music.

In conclusion Principal Tedesco thanked everyone for coming noting the "awesome" students, staff and parent support.

Trustees and Superintendent Hooker thanked Principal Tedesco, Michelle Gadbois and students for the presentation.

Principal Tedesco, Michelle Gadbois, students and parents left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report highlighting the list of duties of Ariel McDowell, District Principal Support Services, the year-end/retirement celebration at the Hillcrest, and the outstanding Revelstoke Secondary School year-end music concerts noting that one of the arrangements the band performed was written by a grade 10 student. He noted an email from Learning Support Teacher Pam Mair highlighting the support provided by volunteers, noting two have gone above and beyond in their support. He also noted the Revelstoke Secondary School awards evening event and the outstanding results of the Revelstoke Secondary School track and field team at the provincial championships.

19: R-55 Rorstad/Pendergast

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to the Track and Field Coaches thanking them for their commitment and support of the track and field athletes and congratulating the athletes on their hard work and accomplishments.”

CARRIED

19: R-56 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter of thanks to the Revelstoke Secondary School Team Leaders thanking them for the awards ceremony and their commitment to students.”

CARRIED

Middle Years Development Instrument Results for 2017/18 and 2018/2019

Superintendent Hooker presented the results noting that he has structured the memo differently than he has in the past with the two-year comparison of grade 7 students.

Policy No. 4.17 Audit Committee

Superintendent Hooker presented the new policy thanking Chair MacFarlane and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale for their work in initiating the new policy.

19: R-57 Pendergast/Zimmer

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Policy 4.17 Audit Committee.”

CARRIED

Board Authority Authorized Course – Mountain Biking 11

Superintendent Hooker presented the course noting that the course is in response to students requests and will be an off-timetable course.

19: R-58 Zimmer/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Mountain Biking 11 as a Board Authority Authorized Course.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Secondary School Trip to Ono Cho, Japan

Superintendent Hooker explained that in order to take deposits and continue with the planning process, the Board needs to approve the trip in principle. Once the details have been finalized, the Board will give its final approval.

19: R-59 Pendergast/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve, in principle, a trip to Ono Cho, Japan in April 2020 for Revelstoke Secondary School students.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2020/2021 Capital Plan

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale explained that the process has changed as busses and playground equipment are no longer part of the capital plan submission, and that it is anticipated that in two more years, capacity at Begbie View Elementary School will be reached.

19: R-60 Pendergast/Rorstad

"THAT the Board of Education of School District No.19 (Revelstoke) approve the 2020/21 Capital Plan noted above in the amount of \$6,118,195 plus replacement busses and Playground Equipment Replacement."

CARRIED

Funding Model Review Feedback

Chair MacFarlane presented the draft letter of response to the Minister of Education regarding the recommendations of the Funding Model Review Report explaining that the letter is based on meetings he, Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale have attended. He added that he recently participated in a conference call with the Ministry in which board chairs were provided with an update. The working groups are expected to provide their reports to the Ministry by the Fall, the reports will be compiled and provided in a summary to districts for review.

19: R-61 Zimmer/Pendergast

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education provide the noted letter to Minister of Education Rob Fleming."

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of May 28th, 2019

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes noting it was last meeting of the year. The Committee discussed the results of the Middle Years Development Instrument and possible topics for the 2019/2020 school year.

19: R-62 Pendergast/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of May 28th, 2019 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of May 29th, 2019

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting Revelstoke Secondary School teacher Erin England's presentation on the Indigenous Connections course she taught. The course was an excellent way to bring students into the truth and reconciliation framework. Trustees expressed that they would like Erin England to provide her presentation to the Board at the September 18th, 2019 school board meeting.

19: R-63 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of May 29th, 2019 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of June 12th, 2019

Superintendent Hooker presented the minutes noting each of the DPAC representatives was provided with a thank you note and a gift card for their work on DPAC this past year from the Revelstoke Board of Education.

19: R-64 Rorstad/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of June 12th, 2019 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 6:06 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Zimmer.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Ratification of Local Matters Agreement with the Revelstoke Teachers' Association
- BCPSEA Teacher Bargaining Update
- CUPE Bargaining Update
- Student Suspensions – June 1 – 12th, 2019

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: June 19th, 2019