



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting October 9th, 2019 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Rorstad, Zimmer and Pendergast
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
Principals/Vice Principals:	Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal of Technology
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Erin England, Revelstoke Secondary School Teacher, Nicole Fricot, former Economic Development Officer for the City of Revelstoke, Bob Rogers, RTA President, and one member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19: R-69 Pendergast/Rorstad

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19: R-70 Chell/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 18th, 2019, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Indigenous Connections presented by Erin England, Revelstoke Secondary School Teacher

Erin England began her presentation by thanking the board for approving Indigenous Connections as a Board Authority Authorized Course for the 2018/2019 school year. Twelve students participated in the course. One of the components of the course was “Making and Creating” and part of that was learning to weave using looms built by Revelstoke Secondary School woodworking students. Indigenous Connections students learned about Indigenous foods which included the history of bannock as well as making it. Lisa Moore, RSS Indigenous Student Assistant, was in class every day and worked with the students to put together a display for the Health and Wellness Fair held at RSS. Students developed leadership skills when together with primary students from Begbie View Elementary School. One of their activities together included forest walks where they were identifying and teaching the

elementary students about the plants. A key part of the course was a partnership with the Revelstoke Forestry Museum. Barb Wadey, one of the directors of the Museum, taught the students plant identification and forestry skills. Students designed a garden on site which will represent the medicine wheel. In the Spring, the students cleaned out the area, prepared the ground for planting and planted wild flowers. In the Spring of 2020, the medicine wheel garden will be planted using the funds from a grant which was approved in September.

A highlight of the course was a trip to Lemon Creek and Vallican in the Slocan Valley. There they met with Lori Barkley, an Instructor of Anthropology, with Selkirk College, who provided a tour of a Sinixt pit house and instructed students on the history of the area and the archeological excavations taking place. She noted that some of the pit house sites are up to 2,000 years old.

Trustees thanked Erin England for the presentation.

Revelstoke Fabrication Laboratory presented by Nicole Fricot, former Economic Development Officer for the City of Revelstoke

Ms. Fricot introduced herself and Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal of Technology and provided trustees with background information on the development of the Fabrication Laboratory (Fab Lab). She, initially met with school district staff to discuss the potential for a Fab Lab here in Revelstoke. Together with representatives from the City, Community Futures Development Corporation, Okanagan College, and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District began consulting with entrepreneurs and community members to determine what type of Fab Lab would make youth a priority and also meet the needs of the community. The main goal of the Fab Lab is to stimulate youth and local businesses to develop new marketable products through increased access to digital fabrication technologies and tools such as 3D printers and laser printers. The Fab Lab was successful in obtaining a number of grants and a space, located at 301 Victoria Road (above the visitor's centre). The launch date is scheduled for January 2020. Types of programs that will initially be offered to youth are: Little Engineers, Junior coding, Robotics, Mechatronics, Girls Who Code and Kit Building. Some equipment has already been purchased and is currently being used in our schools. The Fab Lab is a two-year pilot program and its goal is long term sustainability.

Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal of Technology, added that the Ministry of Education's redesigned curriculum allows for a great deal more technology to be incorporated into the curriculum.

Trustees thanked Ms. Fricot and Michael Haworth for the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Reporting highlighting the downhill ski program at Revelstoke Mountain Resort and their support of the program, the change to the grade 6 band program, and the first of 4 Wellness Wednesdays, which Revelstoke Secondary School teacher Kendra von Bremen has organized bringing together staff and community partners to offer activities (hiking, climbing, biking, kayaking, and canoeing) outside the

classroom to grade 9 students. He also noted the series of Last Spike Volleyball Tournaments once again organized by RSS teacher, Barry Rourke, the New Teacher orientation which will take place on Friday and the newly formed FREE2BME student group made up of student representatives from each school who supported by teachers, will meet regularly to share ideas to enhance their school environments.

19: R-71 Pendergast/Chell

“THAT Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter of thanks to Kendra von Bremen for the series of Wellness Wednesdays she has organized for grade 9 students.”

CARRIED

2019/2020 Class Size and Organization Report

Superintendent Hooker presented the 2019/2020 Class Size and Organization Report. He noted that the class sizes support positive learning environments, and the Board's support of small classes at Revelstoke Secondary School allows students to choose from a wider variety of courses such as Indigenous Connections. He reviewed the Historical Non-enrolling chart explaining that there has been an increase in Counsellor time at Revelstoke Secondary School.

Early Learning Framework

Superintendent Hooker provided the overview thanking Ariel McDowell, District Principal Student Services for her summary of the changes to the Early Learning Framework which includes expanding the focus to children from infancy to the age of 8.

Climate Action Committee Proposals

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Committee's proposals noting the next meeting is set for November 1st, 2019 at 7:15 am at the Modern. He also added that the September 20th, 2019 Climate Rally was used as an educational opportunity rather than just a walk-out thanks to the volunteers and the work of the Committee.

Election of BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Representative and Alternate Representative

It was explained that the BCSTA requires that each district annually elect their Provincial Representative and an Alternate. Superintendent Hooker called for nominations.

19: R-72 Chell/Pendergast

“THAT Bill MacFarlane be nominated as BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council Representative.”

CARRIED

Trustee MacFarlane accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations. Trustee MacFarlane was appointed as the BCSTA Provincial Council Representative by acclamation.

Trustee MacFarlane thanked Trustees.

18: R-73 MacFarlane/Rorstad

“THAT Alan Chell be nominated as BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council Alternate Representative.”

CARRIED

Trustee Chell accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations. Trustee Chell was appointed as the BCSTA Provincial Council Representative Alternate by acclamation.

Trustee Chell advised that if another trustee would like to step forward, he will step aside. He added that the Provincial Council meetings are open to all trustees.

2019/2020 Committee and Representative Appointments

Trustee MacFarlane presented the list.

19: R-74 Chell/Zimmer

“THAT the 2019/2020 Committee and Representative Appointments be received as presented.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of September 18th, 2019

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes.

19: R-75 Rorstad/Pendergast

“THAT the Report on Bills Paid for May and June 2019 in the amount of \$3,379,150.77 be approved as presented at the next regular board meeting.”

CARRIED

19: R-76 Rorstad/Pendergast

“THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August 2019 in the amount of \$832,885.56 be approved as presented at the next regular board meeting.”

CARRIED

19: R-77 Rorstad/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of September 18th, 2019 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of September 23rd, 2019

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes noting that the Committee continues to update the policy manual to ensure that the policies are current.

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of September 23rd, 2019 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting of October 4th and 5th, 2019

Trustees Chell and Pendergast attended the meeting in Summerland. Trustee Pendergast advised that he is on the Professional Learning Committee which was formerly known as the Education Committee. The Committee reviewed a list of topics that trustees may want to be trained in, and selected a number of topics which will be submitted to the BCSTA. Mark Regier of the BCSTA provided a session on the BCSTA's Learning Hub. Trustee Chell added that Audrey Ackah, BCSTA Legal Counsel and Bob Holmes of the BCSTA Learning Committee provided a workshop on motion building. The next branch meeting will be the first weekend in March at Quaaout Lodge near Salmon Arm.

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 6:03 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Pendergast.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Teacher Bargaining Update
- Big Eddy Site Update

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: October 9th, 2019