



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting February 5th, 2020 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
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Melissa Hemphill, Community Connections Food Security Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20: R-06 Rorstad/Pendergast

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20: R-07 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 15th, 2020, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Food Literacy Programming and Potential Future Partnerships “Brain Food” presented by Melissa Hemphill, Community Connections Food Security Coordinator

Melissa Hemphill began her presentation by explaining the terms “Community Food Security”, “Household Food Insecurity” and “Food Literacy”. She then gave an overview of the current programs such as the Local Food Initiative, School Breakfast Program, “Farm to Table” for students in grades 4 and 10, “Little Sprouts” preschool program, “Growing Friends” an intergenerational food knowledge sharing program, Food Band and the Food Recovery program. As the Food Security Coordinator, she is responsible for implementing the community’s Food Security Strategy which is determined by the Food Security Advisory Committee. Ariel McDowell, District Principal Support Services, is a member of the Committee.

Melissa explained that food literacy and increasing food literacy in schools is an important part of the Food Security Strategy, as food literacy impacts our students’ nutrition and wellness, their involvement in climate action, their mental health, it provides a sense of belonging, and develops

practical lifelong skills. She provided trustees with a handout of the Food Security Strategy Recommendations and reviewed each one focusing on *Goal 5 “Education – Increase knowledge of food security, local food systems and actions that can strengthen food security by public officials, community agencies, business owners and residents of Revelstoke”*. Melissa provided some suggestions such as the development of a specific school district policy, school gardens and the district’s endorsement of a position paper. Melissa concluded her presentation noting that she is available to provide support to the district and that there are many other groups and organizations in the community that are also willing to provide support. “Clarify, Commit, Collaborate”.

20: R-08 Pendergast/Zimmer

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education refer the following items to district administration for review:

- Policy Development
- Teacher Empowerment
- Coalition for Healthy School Food
- Build a Farm to School Program.”

CARRIED

Trustees and Superintendent Hooker thanked Melissa Hemphill for her presentation.

Melissa Hemphill left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Reporting highlighting his and Anne Cooper’s upcoming meeting with the City, his meeting with Secretary Treasurer Tisdale and Manager of Operations Manson regarding the repairs to the HVAC system at Columbia Park Elementary School, and the quality of professional development workshops organized by Ariel McDowell, District Principal Support Services. He also noted the meeting of the Early Primary Literacy Group, the district’s Health and Wellness pilot project, and his meeting with RCMP Staff Sergeant Kurt Grabinsky and Steve Black, Director of Engineering and Public Works for the City of Revelstoke.

Indigenous Education

Superintendent Hooker presented his memorandum noting the ongoing work of staff in increasing students’ knowledge and awareness of First Peoples’ Principles of Learning and the creative ways the students are learning about the importance of trees, more specifically, the White Pine as it was the tree used by the Sinixt and the K’tunaxa to make their canoes.

Draft 2020/2021 Calendar

Superintendent Hooker provided trustees with an overview of the draft calendar which is being circulated for feedback from the Revelstoke Teachers’ Association, CUPE, and our PAC’s and DPAC.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of January 28th, 2020

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes noting that the Committee was provided with an overview of the changes to grad requirements.

20: R-09 Pendergast/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of January 28th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA) Annual General Meeting of January 30th – 31st, 2020

Trustee MacFarlane attended the meeting as the district’s BCPSEA representative and Trustee Chell chaired the annual general meeting. Trustee MacFarlane noted the presentations on the Public Sector Employers’ Council, and the history of education in BC.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Minister of Education Rob Fleming dated January 13th, 2020 announcing the launch of the 2020 Premier’s Awards for Excellence in Education.
- Letter from Minister of Education Rob Fleming dated January 20th, 2020 thanking trustees and providing an update on the K-12 education system and the Ministry’s priorities moving forward.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee MacFarlane invited members of the audience to ask questions related to items on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Student Suspensions – January 2020

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: February 5th, 2020