



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting October 7th, 2020 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair MacFarlane spoke about the true history of Canada noting that the history of Canada previously taught in schools left out the Indigenous part of Canadian history, but now the true history of Canada is finally being taught in schools. He then read from the book jacket of the book "Mamaskatch" written by Darrel J. McLeod. The book is a memoir of the author's childhood. His mother Bertha, was a residential school survivor.

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, Zimmer and Pendergast
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Bob Rogers, RTA President
Regrets:	Trustee Rorstad

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20: R-58 Pendergast/Chell

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20: R-59 Pedergast/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 16th, 2020, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Reporting highlighting his upcoming performance review, the ongoing discussions with Interior Health regarding COVID-19 safety guidelines, his discussions with Bob Rogers, RTA President regarding class sizes and supports for students not yet fully in the classroom adding that the percentage of students that have returned to the classrooms is approximately 99%. He also highlighted his meeting with Clara Maltby, President CUPE 5150 regarding the September start up, staffing levels and safety protocols as well as the district's hosting of student teachers and educational assistants for practicums. He noted that the participation rates of parents completing the Childhood Experiences Questionnaire has dropped sharply as face to face meetings are no longer possible. He brought trustees attention to the recent City of Revelstoke's Social Development Committee meeting which was the last meeting for Jill Zacharias who has been the Social Development Coordinator for many years. He noted the significant impact Jill has had on the community and schools. Trustees noted the importance of the Social Development Coordinator position.

20: R-60 Chell/Pendergast

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to Jill Zacharias thanking her for her service as the Social Development Coordinator and her positive contributions to the community."

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Equity Scan

Superintendent Hooker explained that the purpose of the Equity Scan is for the district to have a critical look at policy and governance to ensure that there is equity in the district in the areas of social justice, relationships, human rights, and the first people's principles of learning. He invited trustees to attend the October 15th, 2020 meeting of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee with Joe Heslip, the Field Liaison with the Ministry of Education's Indigenous Education Branch. Trustee Zimmer and Chair MacFarlane will attend.

COVID-19 Update – Why school is important to students

Superintendent Hooker presented the BC Centre for Disease Control and BC Children's Hospital document entitled "Impact of School Closures on Learning, Child and Family Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Trustee discussed the immense pressure the Provincial Health Office and the Ministry of Health are under as they guide the province through the COVID-19 pandemic.

20: R-61 Chell/Pedergast

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to Dr. Bonnie Henry and her staff and the Ministry of Health thanking them for their guidance through the COVID-19 pandemic."

CARRIED

Breakfast Program Update

Superintendent Hooker presented the report noting that the district is very pleased that the program is able to continue during the pandemic and that the social element of the program is as important as providing food for hungry students. The district continues to look for a coordinator for Columbia Park Elementary School and is grateful that Celes Lucius is continuing to support the program until a Coordinator is found.

2020/2021 Committee and Representative Appointments

Board Chair MacFarlane presented the list. Sarah Zimmer was nominated at the BC Public School Employers' Association Representative, which she accepted.

20: R-62 Chell/Pendergast

"THAT the 2020/2021 Committee and Representative Appointments be received as presented."

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

Safe Return to School Grant and Federal Safe Return to Class Fund

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented his memorandum noting that the district will fully spend the provincial grant on hand soap, paper towels and sanitizer. The district is currently determining how the federal funds will be used to address staffing, additional support, and "COVID Legacy" items (i.e. touchless taps in bathrooms). Once the plan on the use of the federal funds has been finalized, it will be presented to the Board.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of September 16th, 2020

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes.

20: R-63 Zimmer/Pendergast

"THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of September 16th, 2020 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of September 21st, 2020

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting the Committee's referral of the definition of "Two-Spirited" to the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee for their review and feedback. The childcare policy is waiting for further guidance to be provided by the BC School Trustees Association.

20: R-64 Zimmer/Pendergast

"THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of September 21st, 2020 be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustee Association Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting of October 3rd, 2020

Trustees MacFarlane, Chell, Zimmer and Pendergast participated in the Zoom meeting. Trustees were impressed that so many trustees from throughout our region were able to attend the business meeting. Trustee Zimmer attended the Indigenous Education Committee meeting

adding that the Kelowna school district had just completed their Equity Scan and had some interesting comments regarding the process. Trustee MacFarlane attended the Board Chairs meeting noting that although we are in a pandemic, things are going well with districts in our region.

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 5:42 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: October 7th, 2020