

Revelstoke Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
October 28th, 2020
held at Revelstoke Secondary School
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Board Chair MacFarlane advised that in recognizing the traditional territories of the four nations, he would provide some history of each of the nations, beginning with the Ktunaxa. It is estimated that the Ktunaxa living in the Kootenay Columbia region for at least 10,000 years. Their traditional territory of approximately 70,000 square km included what is now southwestern Alberta, southeastern, BC, northern Idaho, Montana and Washington. Their territory centered around the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers.

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:	Bob Rogers, RTA President

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20: R-65 Rorstad/Pendergast

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20: R-66 Chell/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 7th, 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 that Bev Rundell is at the board office today and tomorrow morning conducting interviews as a part of his performance review. He also noted the pressure staff and students at Revelstoke Secondary School are under as they adjust to the quarter system timetable implemented due to COVID19 and the mandated size of student cohort groups. As the quarter system is fast paced with no time between the end of one quarter and the start of another, more support time has been allocated to provide teachers with an opportunity to draw on a rotating substitute teacher. He confirmed that an updated Centre for Disease Control health check list has been sent to families and posted on the district website. He added that primary teachers have met online as part of a PM Benchmark “train the trainer” model. As teachers are assessing students, they are seeing firsthand the impact that the school closures have had on students’ literacy skills. As a result, the district is providing teachers with additional time and resources as they work to improve assessment results.

2020/2021 Organization of Classes and Non-Enrolling Report

Superintendent Hooker presented the report highlighted the impact the number of students at a specific grade level has on the organization of classes. For example, Arrow Heights Elementary School has more students than Columbia Park Elementary School (CPE), but CPE has more divisions due to the number of students at each grade level. He noted the importance of Board decisions to add staffing to address these conditions when they occur. He reviewed the Revelstoke Secondary School course enrolment chart noting that 101 of 185 courses had class sizes less than 20 students.

Provincial Student Learning Survey

Superintendent Hooker presented the 2019/2020 Student Learning Survey data noting that as a district we are happy to see the high level of connections our students continue to report with staff. The Education Committee will be using the survey results as a part of our strategic planning process.

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.

20: R-67 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.

18: R-68 Chell/Zimmer

“THAT Garry Pendergast be nominated as BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council Alternate Representative.”

CARRIED

Trustee Pendergast accepted the nomination.

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

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

Safe Return to School Grant

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented his memorandum noting that there are specific criteria regarding how the grant money can be spent. The district is looking at a few items such as a gym curtain in order to maintain cohort group sizes or covered bike racks as more students and staff are riding bikes to school. One of the items the district has already purchased with COVID grant funds is electrostatic sprayers that custodians will be using.

18: R-69 Chell/Pendergast

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education fully endorse the spending plan which is to be provided to the Ministry of Education detailing the plans for the use of the Federal Funds.”

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale also provided a brief update on the Columbia Park Elementary School renovation project noting that it will not be completed until the end of January.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 1st, 2020

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that despite the pandemic there are a lot of activities taking place at school. It was suggested at the meeting that the consent forms for indigenous students be sent out prior to the other annual consent forms as well as a newsletter that highlights the previous year and the activities planned for the coming year. All students are encouraged to participate in all of the activities. She added that the district welcomed Joe Heslip the Field Liaison with the Ministry of Education's Indigenous Education Branch. Mr. Heslip came to assist the Committee as it begins the year-long Equity Scan process.

20: R-70 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 1st, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of October 7th, 2020

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting that the meetings go rather quickly when they are conducted virtually and that the BC research document on “Why School is Important” was of particular interest to DPAC.

20: R-71 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of October 7th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustee Association Board Chairs Meeting of October 15th, 2020

Vice-Chair Chell attended the meeting noting the discussions led by Mike Roberts, Chief Executive Office and Stephanie Higginson, President on the learning loss experienced by students during the pandemic and the budget process.

British Columbia School Trustee Association Board Provincial Council Meeting of October 24th, 2020

Trustee Pendergast attended the meeting noting that approximately 80 trustees participated in the meeting and there was a high number of resolutions discussed at the meeting.

Bev Rundell came to the meeting to greet trustees and left immediately afterwards.

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 5:54 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Pendergast.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: October 28th, 2020