



Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting at Columbia Park Elementary School April 19th, 2023, 2023 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Chell called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (by Jodie Allen)

We would like to respectfully honour the four nations on whose land we live and learn: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.

Trustee Allen's noted that her connection to the land is by being on the land outside, walking along the river, doing yardwork and gardening.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
Principals:	Andy Pfeiffer, Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Barry Rourke, RTA President

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23: R-23 Walsh/Allen

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23: R-24 Zimmer/Walsh

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 1st, 2023 be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Columbia Park Elementary School Annual Report to the Board presented by Andy Pfeiffer, Principal

Principal Pfeiffer began his presentation by thanking trustees and providing a quick overview of his history in the district, from teacher to vice-principal at Revelstoke Secondary School to Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School (CPE). He then began his power point presentation noting that CPE is Supportive, Inclusive and Innovative as the staff work hard to

meet students where they are and respond to their needs in a way that fosters optimal growth. The school's focus question this year was *Will student learning continue to improve when we balance Social-Emotional Learning and Connectedness with Enhanced Instructional Practices such as Explorations and Phonological Awareness Programming?*

Principal Pfeiffer reviewed the results of the Grade 5 Middle Years Development Instrument results for students feeling of well-being and connectedness. The results indicate that Grade 5 students at CPE have high levels of well-being and connectedness. He confirmed that Revelstoke, through the UBC Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) participates in HELP's Child Development Monitoring System which includes the Toddler Development Instrument (TDI) at 12 to 24 months, the Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ) at the start of Kindergarten, Early Development Instrument (EDI) at mid-Kindergarten, Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) at grades 4 to 8 and the Youth Development Instrument (YDI) at grade 11. He then reviewed the key findings from the HELP team's 2021-2022 project in Revelstoke on why youth in Revelstoke continue to report significant greater connectedness to adults than youth in other districts in the region. He highlighted one of the notable statistics that children who were vulnerable in Kindergarten "were significantly more likely to report greater connectedness to adults in school in Grade 4." This is a result of the work of district staff to ensure that vulnerable students are connected which is part of the rea.

He then reviewed some of the enhanced instructional practices at CPE such as Primary Explorations, Explorations Friday, Phonological Awareness programming. He noted that research from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) suggests that for students to thrive in school, learning needs to be collaborative and social in nature. The phonological awareness program is a program implemented throughout the district where students are taught letter sounds without charts for a brief period of time each and every day.

In conclusion Principal Pfeiffer thanked trustees for their support.

Trustees thanked Principal Pfeiffer for his report and asked that he pass on their thanks and appreciation to the staff. Superintendent Kubik noted that meaningful inclusion is every child's right and that clearly the staff at CPE are fostering a sense of belonging.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK

Administration Report: Superintendent Kubik

Received as information.

Superintendent Kubik presented her Administration Report highlighting the overnight trip for Indigenous students attending the Okanagan Mainline Regional Indigenous Education Council's Indigenous Student Leadership Summit, the Zoom session with Susan Leslie, the website refresh and meetings being held with the district leadership team on staffing for the 2023/2024 year.

Framework for Enhanced Student Learning – Peer Review Consensus Report (Draft)

Superintendent Kubik provided the background information on the report explaining that a nine-person team from the Ministry of Education and Child Care went to 10 districts throughout the province who had Strategic Plans coming due in the next year or two. Revelstoke's plan ends

in 2024. Superintendent Kubik, District Principals Tedesco and Wallach, and Indigenous Student Assistant Lisa Moore presented to the team during their time in Revelstoke. The team had three focus areas:

1. Strategic Engagement Consensus
2. Alignment Consensus
3. Data and Evidence Consensus

Superintendent Kubik commented that there was a snow storm during their time in Revelstoke so the team understood how difficult travel outside and within the community can be. The team was pleased with many things the district does including how the district engages the public.

Superintendent Kubik and trustees expressed concerns with some of the conclusions drawn by the team in the areas of Indigenous community engagement. Superintendent Kubik expressed that she will provide feedback to the Ministry Team that she would like a change made in focus area one to acknowledge the geographical location of Bands within the Thompson Okanagan Region and Washington State. Another area of concern that was identified was the alignment of the budget with the district's priorities. Trustees noted that the district's small class sizes, high support staff numbers, and non-enrolling numbers clearly reflect the district's priorities of students and classrooms. Trustees also noted that the last consideration on page 2 should be written in language parents and the community can understand.

Superintendent Kubik will bring the concerns raised by trustees to the attention of the Ministry team as will Board Chair Chell.

Policy No. 4.20 Financial Planning and Reporting for circulation

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale explained that the Ministry of Education and Child Care now requires districts to have a Financial Planning and Reporting policy. The Ministry provided the district with input on the policy. He noted that although Revelstoke does not have a local First Nations or a Metis Nation, the Ministry requires that they be listed in the policy as partner groups.

23: R-25 Zimmer/Allen

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulated Policy 4.20 Financial Planning and Reporting for feedback."

CARRIED

Policies No. 3.5 Student Support Services for Students with Diverse Learning Needs, 6.6 Staff Development for Support Staff, and 7.6 Non-Resident and International Students for approval

The policies were presented for approval.

23: R-26 Zimmer/Rota

"THAT the Board of Education approve revised Policies No. 3.5 Student Support Services for Students with Diverse Learning Needs, 6.6 Staff Development for Support Staff and 7.6 Non-Resident and International Students in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review."

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2023/2024 Capital Project Approval

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale reviewed the 2023/24 Capital Projects noting that one of the challenges for the project at Arrow Heights Elementary School will be arranging for the project to be conducted with as little disruption as possible as it entails flooring, millwork and painting all of which cannot be done over the summer. The district has received funding for a handicap accessible playground at Begbie View Elementary School. He and Andrew McDade, Manager of Operations, will be meeting with Begbie View Principal Ariel McDowell to determine the placement of the playground.

23: R-27 Rota/Allen

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading to the attached Capital Project Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD19-01 in the amount of \$1,257,600.”

CARRIED

School Food Program Fund

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided an overview of the fund noting that he is still waiting for further information on what the funds can be used for. The Ministry anticipates providing further information to districts in May.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of February 27th, 2023

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that there are only two more meetings this year.

23: R-28 Zimmer/Allen

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of February 27th, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 28th, 2023

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting reporting order in schools for grades K-7 will be expanding into grade 8 and 9 next year. The students on the Committee commented that they feel that would be helpful for grade 8 and 9 students, especially for grade 8 students as grade 8 is a challenging year.

23: R-29 Walsh/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 28th, 203 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of March 1st, 2023

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting the reporting order expansion into grade 8 and 9 was brought up and some parents expressed concerns. Trustee Walsh was able to advise the parents that the students on the Education Advisory Committee felt it would benefit the grade 8 and 9 students.

23: R-30 Walsh/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of March 1st, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of March 2nd, 2023

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that there are discussions taking place regarding the replacement of the term Syilx in acknowledgements as it is a language that is spoken by two nations. The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee will be researching the issue and advise the Committee.

23: R-31 Zimmer/Allen

“THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of March 2nd, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustee Association Thompson
Okanagan Branch Meeting of March 3rd and 4th, 2023

Trustees Chell, Rota and Allen and Superintendent Kubik attended the meeting held in Kelowna. Everyone commented that they enjoyed the meeting in particular, the coding and robotics activity on the Friday night.

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Meeting of March 8th, 2023

Trustee Chell attending the meeting noting that BCPSEA is holding meetings throughout the province to let trustees know what the purpose of the BCPSEA is and what it does.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter of reply from Minister of Education and Child Care Rachna Singh dated March 16th, 2023
- Letter from the Coalition for Healthy School Food dated April 11th, 2023
 - Trustees discussed the letter. Superintendent Kubik confirmed that with respect to the Affordability Fund, she met with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Connections, DPAC and the Early Learning staff and that Principals met with their PACs to determine the best way to allocate the funds.
 - Trustees asked that staff research the organization before replying to the letter.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Walsh.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Website Refresh
- 2023/2024 Budget Update

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: April 19th, 2023