

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting at Begbie View Elementary School May 10th, 2023 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (by Sarah Zimmer)

Ms. Zimmer began by noting that May 1st to 7th was the National Week of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and that we have the privilege of existing and feeling safe, but that is not the case for many people. We need to remember our privilege and think about the people taken from their families too soon.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh
Senior Administration:	Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
Principals:	Jodi Wallach, District Principal of Indigenous Education and K-12 Well-Being and Ariel McDowell, Principal of Begbie View Elementary School
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Barry Rourke, RTA President;
Regrets:	Superintendent Kubik

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23: R-32 Zimmer/Allen

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23: R-33 Walsh/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 19th, 2023, be approved as presented with the following amendment/addition:

Amend the Minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of April 25th, 2023 to reflect that it was Kai Boggild, Technology Support, not Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology, who was at the meeting."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Begbie View Elementary School Annual Report
to the Board presented by Ariel McDowell, Principal

Principal McDowell began her presentation by noting that the school community consists of 274 students and 37 full and part-time staff members. The students come from Revelstoke as well as many places across Canada and around the world. 74 students have an Individual Education Plan or a Student Learning Plan, there are approximately 30 English Language Learners and 16 students with Indigenous ancestry.

Last year's areas of focus were:

- Use quality assessment to guide collaboration and classroom instruction, professional learning.
- Enhance opportunities for purposeful learning and student agency.
- Enhance school-wide and community connections.

In determining the areas of focus, multiple staff meetings are held, staff attend the school planning day sessions, and students are asked to reflect on the results of the Middle Years Development Instrument.

The Areas of Focus for 2022-2023 were:

- Student-centered and data-informed teaching and learning
- A safe, engaging and inclusive school environment
- Work to implement the district's policy on Reconciliation, enhance opportunities for learning stories, language, people and the history of Indigenous people in the Revelstoke area.

In the first area, based on the November 2022 PM Benchmark results, staff increased their focus on literacy and by February 2023 the PM Benchmark results were 91% of students were proficient or extending in their reading proficiency. Ms. McDowell read a thank you note she received from a parent.

In the second area, Principal McDowell reviewed the four categories of ways to ensure a safe, engaging and inclusive school environment such as, sharing values of respect, careful scheduling and contingency planning, whole school activities, such as the Christmas concert, neighbourhood clean-up, and student choices in learning (i.e. Exploration days where students choose the things they will explore). Principal McDowell reviewed the Middle Years Development Instrument Data related to bullying, relationships, nutrition and sleep, and whether or not students say they like school. The Student Learning Survey trends were also reviewed. Overall, the MDI and Learning Survey results show improvements over the past few years.

The third area of focus, which is implementing the district's policy on Reconciliation, was selected after Christmas as an area of focus. The Student Learning Survey results indicated that more needed to be done in this area. Students have been learning about Indigenous Languages and stories, and Elder Randy Williams from Enderby is visiting the school monthly. This will continue to be an area of focus moving forward.

In conclusion, Principal McDowell reviewed some of the many activities that have taken place at the school throughout the past year.

The Board thanked Principal McDowell for the presentation noting the breadth of learning opportunities offered at the school.

Principal McDowell left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK

Administration Report: Superintendent Kubik (presented by Jodi Wallach, District Principal of Indigenous Education and K-12 Well-Being)

Received as information.

District Principal Wallach presented Superintendent Kubik's Administration Report highlighting the district's Leadership Team meetings which begin with circle time and a reflective question. Trustee Rota provided an update on the ScreenSmart meeting noting that there will be a meeting in September to determine the future of the ScreenSmart program.

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale confirmed that there will be a year-end celebration at the Hillcrest Hotel. Trustees will be emailed the details.

Policies 5.11 Medication for Students, 6.13 Volunteers, and 7.7 Sanctuary Schools for approval

Board Chair Chell presented the policies.

23: R-24 Zimmer/Rota

"THAT in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review, the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the following policies as presented:

- 5.11 Medication for Students
- 6.13 Volunteers
- 7.7 Sanctuary Schools."

CARRIED

2023/2024 Board Meeting Schedule

Board Chair Chell presented the schedule.

23: R-25 Walsh/Rota

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the 2023/2024 Board Meeting Schedule as presented."

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of April 24th, 2023

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that there will only be one more meeting before the end of the school year. The Committee still needs a Principal/Vice Principal representative. Hopefully one will be in place for the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

23: R-26 Zimmer/Walsh

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of April 24th 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of April 24th, 2023

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting that the Committee has looked at a variety of speakers and have chosen Scott Rothermel. Mr. Rothermel can present to both parents and students on a wide variety of topics such as sexting, social media, and video games. Kai Boggild, Technology Support, attended the meeting to discuss the website refresh and what committee members feel is important information to have on the website(s).

Trustees discussed having a student forum, which some district have, where students provide feedback. Trustee Walsh will bring the suggestion to the next Education Advisory Committee meeting.

23: R-27 Walsh/Allen

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of April 25th, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting of April 27 – 29th, 2023

All of the trustees, Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale attended the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver. Trustees commented that they enjoyed the speakers, in particular Jodie Wilson-Raybould and the presentation by Abbotsford school district students.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care dated March 22nd, 2023 addressed to Roberta Kubik, Superintendent regarding the Ministry's "How Are We Doing Report"
- Letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care dated April 12th, 2023 addressed to Board Chair Chell regarding Indigenous Education spending

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Walsh.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Student Data (to be discussed in Closed Board meeting to protect student privacy)

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 10th, 2023