



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting May 31st, 2023 at Revelstoke Secondary School Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (by Sasha-Emily Walsh)

Sasha-Emily Walsh noted that in preparing to give the acknowledgement, she thought about the presentation by Jody Wilson-Raybould at the BC School Trustees' Association. Ms. Wilson-Raybould's presentation made her hopeful for the future.

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

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| Trustees: | Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh |
| Senior Administration: | Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale (participated remotely) |
| Principals/Vice Principals: | Greg Kenyon, Principal RSS and Stacey Grimm, Vice Principal RSS and Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology |
| and: | Administrative Secretary Magarian |
| Guests: | Sarah Newton, RTA Member, RTA Social Justice Contact and BCTF Committee for Social Justice, Climate Justice Committee, and Barry Rourke, RTA President; |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23: R-28 Allen/Walsh

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23: R-29 Zimmer/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 10th, 2023, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Sarah Newton, RTA Member, RTA Social Justice Contact and BCTF Committee for Social Justice, Climate Justice Committee
presentation on Columbia Basin Trust environmental education in schools

Sarah Newton began her Power Point presentation by explaining that she spoke to six organizations that received funding from the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) to provide environmental education in Revelstoke. They are:

- Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN)
- Avalanche Canada
- Wildsight
- Revelstoke Local Food Initiative
- Revelstoke Bear Aware
- Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society

Through funding from CBT, these organizations have been able to provide a wide variety of educational programs to Revelstoke students specific to our area. This information is not available any other way. However, CBT has developed a new Strategic Plan which is focused on conservation and restoration and therefore will reduce funding to environmental education programs.

Ms. Newton then reviewed the various programs that have been generously funded by CBT and the number of students that have participated in programs such as Wild Voices, EcoStewards, Nature Through the Seasons, Beyond Recycling, Little Sprouts, Farm to Table, Junior Rangers, to name a few.

Teachers in the district have benefitted from having experts in specific areas come to the schools and share their knowledge and resources with teachers and students. The educators guide teachers and bring in resources (i.e. magnifying glasses, water testers). Without the educators and the resources, district teachers would not be able to provide the hands-on educational experiences for students that these programs can.

In conclusion, on behalf of Revelstoke teachers, Sarah Newton asked trustees to send a letter to CBT asking that they reinstate the environmental education funding.

Trustees thanked Sarah Newton for her presentation and asked how many years has CBT been providing the environmental education funding. Ms. Newton advised that the funding has been provided for at least 18 years.

Ms. Newton left the meeting at 5:21 pm.

Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology left the meeting at 5:23 pm.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Revelstoke Secondary School's Annual Report to the Board
presented by Greg Kenyon, Principal and Stacey Grimm, Vice Principal

Greg Kenyon began his Power Point presentation by introducing Stacey Grimm, Vice Principal and thanking the Board for its support.

Who We Are

Revelstoke Secondary School provides educational services for 408 students which includes international students, francophone students, and part-time home-schooled students. The school staff consists of 32 teachers and 19 support staff. 11% of RSS students self-identify as Indigenous.

RSS School Growth Focus

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Supporting Student Mental Health, Well-Being and Resilience

Principal Kenyon reviewed the three focus areas noting that numeracy and literacy are foundational for everything. The focus area of student mental health, well-being and resilience is new this year as it is clear that student mental health has been negatively impacted during the COVID years. The data which is only partial for this year indicates that students are doing very well in the areas of numeracy and literacy and that mental health is returning to pre-COVID levels.

School Growth Learning Through the Fall

In the Fall staff focused on mental health and well-being. A doctor came to a staff meeting to talk about disordered eating, staff reviewed approaches and strategies for student mental health and well-being. Some of the fun activities that took place in the Fall were Halloween, Orange Shirt Day, Remembrance Day, Metis Beaded Bags, Last Spike Tournaments and extra-curricular sports such as soccer, cross-country running etc.

School Growth Learning Through the Winter

In the winter, staff participated in Neuro-Diversity Training, the Middle Years Development Instrument survey for grade 8 students, the Youth Development Instrument for grade 11 students and developed competency-based IEPs (moved from focusing on deficits to what the students can do). Some of the winter activities were a Holiday Theme Week, Nordic Skiing, Avalanche Training, Pink Shirt Day, Cabane a Sucre with Ecole des Glacier, School Dance and a band trip to Calgary.

School Growth Learning Through the Spring

In the Spring, the staff have been working on the new K-12 Reporting Order, communicating student learning, and the new Indigenous Education Course needed for graduation from grade 12. Some of the activities that have taken place or will take place are the District Authority and Capstone presentations, prom, Bamfield Science Trip, Music Concerts, Drama Productions, Band Trip to Moscow, Idaho, Art Show, Sign-Post Hand Carving with an Elder and finally Graduation!

Trustees thanked Greg Kenyon for the presentation noting the safe and welcoming environment at the school and the many learning opportunities the students have. Trustees also commented on the importance of students being seen as people which is reflected in the data on the number of students that feel connected to an adult at the school. Trustees will think about a way to get greater feedback directly from students as to what the Board can do to make their education better.

Greg Kenyon and Stacey Grimm left the meeting at 5:48 pm

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK

Administration Report: Superintendent Kubik

Received as information.

Superintendent Kubik presented her Administration Report highlighting the Ministry of Education and Child Care's All Superintendents' Meeting in Vancouver. At the meeting they discussed using student learning data, and how adults who care about students affect students' sense of belonging which in turn impacts student success. She also highlighted the Arrow Heights Elementary School Sports Day with special guest helpers, Mike Hooker, Todd Hicks, Bill MacFarlane and Barry Rourke.

Website Refresh

Superintendent Kubik noted that district's Website Refresh team is made of herself, Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology, Kai Boggild, Technology Support, and Jeff Wilson, Revelstoke Secondary School Teacher/Librarian. The website refresh is being presented to the district's different committees. The website refresh is focused on using local images on the website not stock images. The feedback on the website refresh has been very positive. The website will be launched for the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

K-12 Reporting Order

Superintendent Kubik advised that the attachment to her memorandum is information from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The Ministry has asked that districts circulate the information. The district is sharing the page with the summary of the information and where the details can be found with parents and the community. The Reporting Order goes into effect on July 1st, 2023. Superintendent Kubik and Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology have gone to staff meetings at district schools to review the reporting order staff and reassure them that they will be supported through the transition. In addition, Rita Tedesco, District Principal of Student Learning and Inclusion, has also met with staff and department heads to ensure the smooth implementation of the reporting order. The biggest change will be for the Grade 8 and 9 students. K-7 students have already been following the new reporting order. The revised language and the goal setting requirements are positive changes to the reporting order as it recognizes that students learn in different ways and at different rates. The BC Teachers' Federation was very involved in the development the new reporting order. In addition to the information Superintendent Kubik has sent to families she will also ask Principals to send a link to the information in school newsletters.

Revised 2023/2024 Board Meeting Schedule

Board Chair Chell presented the revised Board Meeting Schedule.

23: R-30 Walsh/Rota

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

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of May 3rd, 2023

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting Website refresh presentation, upcoming presentation by Scott Rothermel, student led conferences, RSS report cards, graduated Kindergarten entry were some of the topics discussed at the meeting.

23: R-31 Walsh/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of May 3rd, 2023 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of May 4th, 2023

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that due to scheduling conflicts a number of committee members were unable to attend the meeting. The main discussion of the meeting was how to invite nations to attend the district's Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. Unfortunately, the district does not have a local band so it has been difficult getting band members to attend the meetings. The Committee plans to invite anyone that would like to attend. The committee discussed having an informal meal in the fall and asking bands if they would like to attend.

23: R-32 Zimmer/Allen

"THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of May 4th, 2023 be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Allen.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 31st, 2023