



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
November 8th, 2023

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Trustee Zimmer noted that our colonial legacy in Canada is deeply rooted in erasing Indigenous peoples' connection to the land. I hesitate to use the word legacy, since that connotes a relic of the past, when instead colonialism continues to this day, in many different forms all over the world. It is perpetuated by social, cultural and economic structures that reinforce a separation of people, very often Indigenous people from the land that they have stewarded since time immemorial. These are the structures that we are all seeking to change, by listening and learning and most importantly, little by little, rethinking our own relationships to the lands that we call home.

For my territorial land acknowledgement this evening I would like to honour the four nations, the Sinixt, the Secwepemc, the Ktunxa and the Sylix Okanagan; on whose traditional lands we extract resources and derive livelihoods from, and on whose lands we are privileged enough to raise our families in safety.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Barry Rourke, RTA President and one member of the media
Regrets:	None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23: R-67 Walsh/Zimmer

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23: R-68 Allen/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 18th, 2023, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK

Administration Report: Superintendent Kubik

Received as information.

Superintendent Kubik presented her Administration Report highlighting her visit to a grade 2 class at Columbia Park Elementary School, and a visit to Arrow Heights Elementary School where Michelle Gadbois explained to her collaborative project with the Railway Museum developing lesson plans for different grade levels on the history of Revelstoke and the importance of the railway to the community.

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale added that the student leadership class has suggested a project to paint rainbow stairs at Revelstoke Secondary School. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale and Manager of Operations McDade have met with the Leadership Committee to discuss the project.

Trustee Chell thanked Barry Rourke, RTA President for his 28 years of running the series of Last Spike Tournaments at Revelstoke Secondary School.

Barry Rourke, RTA President, asked if he could add some information to Item 18 in Superintendent Kubik's Administration Report regarding the school start times. He noted that an extra five minutes per day adds up to 15 hours and 15 minutes over the course of the school year.

SD19 Emergency Administrative Protocols

Superintendent Kubik outlined the emergency protocols adding that the protocols are reviewed with staff each year and that the schools will be practicing going to the evacuation locations. The district-wide evacuation protocol is done in conjunction with the City of Revelstoke and the RCMP. Superintendent Kubik added that the City's Social Development Committee is looking at the City's emergency plans given the emergency evacuations that have recently taken place in other communities in the province.

Data and Evidence Community of Practice with Shane Safir and Jessica Huang

Superintendent Kubik confirmed that the district submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Education and Child Care on a 9 school pilot project based on the book *Street Data* which aligns with the pedagogy of voice. Arrow Heights Elementary School Principal Pam Mair, and teachers; Mary Catherine LaForest, Sarah Vincent, and Leah Poirier have recently had their first session. The Ministry of Education and Child Care offered 9 schools to work on a pilot project with the book *Street Data*. SD19 submitted a successful proposal and RSS teachers Mary Catherine LaForest and Sarah Vincent together with AHE Teacher Leah Poirier and AHE Principal Pam Mair participated in the first session.

Revelstoke Secondary School Trip Out of Town Trip to Victoria and Seattle

Trustee Chell presented the memorandum noted that he was pleased to see that the trip including the students' attendance at a piano recital by Simi Luttrell, an alumni of the RSS Music Program.

23: R-69 Zimmer/Rota

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve a group of Revelstoke Secondary School participating in a school trip to Victoria and Seattle from April 3rd to 7th, 2024 in accordance with Policy 7.4."

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

New Policy – Public Interest Disclosure

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the policy noting that it is a provincial government requirement that public entities must have a Public Interest Disclosure policy also known as the Whistleblower policy in place and posted on their websites by December 1st, 2023. The purpose of the policy is openness in the school district to protect current and former employees (including trustees) who raise concerns. Due to the short timeline, the policy will be posted on the district's website, but will be circulated for feedback. Any feedback will be reviewed and the policy will be revised if necessary.

Accessibility Plan

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the accessibility plan noting that the provincial government requires that all public sector bodies have an accessibility plan in place. The district's plan is a working document and is expected to change. The plan will be posted on the district's website with a request for feedback. Anyone will be able to provide feedback on the district's plan.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 24th, 2023

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting that there were students from each grade in attendance at the meeting as well as some new parents.

23: R-70 Walsh/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 24th, 2023 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of October 30th, 2023

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting a motion must be made with respect to the Public Interest Disclosure policy which was reviewed earlier.

23: R-71 Zimmer/Allen

“THAT in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review, the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the new Public Interest Disclosure policy.”

CARRIED

23: R-72 Zimmer/Allen

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of October 30th, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees' Association Advocacy Day and Meeting of Board Chairs of October 19th, 2023

Board Chair Chell attended the meeting virtually noting that the lunch was organized by region, and board chairs from each region met with the MLAs from that region to discuss issues.

British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Meeting of October 20-21, 2023

Trustee Rota attended the meeting. She highlighted a presentation that was given on the Metis, adding that a leadership series will be coming.

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Fall Symposium of November 2 – 3, 2023

Board Chair Chell, Trustees Allen and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale attended. The symposium was well attended with sessions on human rights, duty to accommodate, and social media outside the workplace.

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 5:43 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Walsh.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Letter from the Revelstoke Teachers' Association regarding instructional time for elementary teachers.
- Student Suspensions to October 27th, 2023

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: November 8th, 2023