Revelstoke Board of Education



Regular Board Meeting January 17th, 2024 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Wendy Rota)

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

Trustee Rota explained that what connects her to the land and the four nations that claim Revelstoke as a part of their territory is the community, the history of Revelstoke and sharing that with people coming to Revelstoke.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh

Senior Administration: Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale (attended

virtually)

and: Administrative Secretary Magarian

Guests: Barry Rourke, RTA President;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24: R-01 Walsh/Zimmer

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24: R-02 Allen/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 6th, 2023, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

<u>ADMINISTRATION REPORTS</u>

SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK

Administration Report: Superintendent Kubik

Received as information. Superintendent Kubik presented her Administration Report highlighting the Board's strategic planning session held last week, the December band concert at RSS and

the Consent Presentation given to grade 11 and 12 students. She noted that the students were comfortable with the topic and engaged in the presentation. Superintendent Kubik also highlighted Columbia Park Elementary School's winter concert which featured different cultural traditions that take place throughout Revelstoke in the month of December.

Trustees, Superintendent Kubik, and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale offered their congratulations to Andy Pfeiffer and Tammy Tomm for taking on their new roles as Acting Principal of Revelstoke Secondary School and Acting Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School respectively. They also sent their best wishes to Greg Kenyon for a full and speedy recovery.

Student Learning Survey: Belonging and Feeling Welcome

Superintendent Kubik presented the Student Learning Survey results. She noted that although there has been an increase in the percentage for grade 7, 10 and 12 students for the question *Is school a place where you feel like you belong?*, it is still lower than the district would like and those results will be looked into.

BC Adolescent Health Survey

Superintendent Kubik presented the survey noting that as the survey results came in just prior to the winter break she was able to include the "Students reported better health and well-being when they..." section of the survey in the winter newsletter to families. There are some areas that Superintendent Kubik will look into further such as; Overall Health, Concussions and Skipping School.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2023-2024 Final Funding

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented his memo and supporting documentation noting that the financial documents will be reviewed in greater detail at a Finance and Facilities meeting as a part of the Amended Budget process. By February 15th, 2024, the district must provide the Ministry of Education and Child Care with the its 2024/2025 projected enrolment. Currently the district's enrolment is 1,087 which is the highest it has been since 2013. The increase in enrolment has led to an increase in funding. However, once it was clear during the summer of 2023 that the enrolment would be higher than the projected enrolment provided to the Ministry, staffing was increased to mitigate any possible disruptions to students and staff for the start of the 2023/2024 school year. This meant that the increased funding was basically spent before it was received. The Board's mandate when setting the budget has been to put funds into classrooms – what benefits students is the priority, noting that close to 90% of the district's budget is allocated to staff salaries.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of November 28th, 2023

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting that Superintendent Kubik gave a presentation on the Communication Board at Columbia Park Elementary School. The Committee discussed the district's Strategic Plan, specifically the topic of "Equity" and the students on the Committee provided feedback on Career Day.

24: R-03 Walsh/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of November 28th, 2023 be received as presented."

CARRIED

<u>District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of December 6th, 2023</u>

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting the many activities taking place in schools.

24: R- 04 Walsh/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of December 6th, 2023 be received as presented."

CARRIED

<u>Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of December 7th, 2023</u>

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting the "wheel" included in the minutes provides a summary of how the district is reaching out and working with each of the four nations. The "wheel" also provides geographical information on each of the nations and their territory.

24: R-05 Zimmer/Walsh

"THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of December 7th, 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 5:54 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Allen.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

• Student Suspensions to December 14 th , 2023	
•	Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: January 17th, 2024