



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting March 13th, 2024 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Jodie Allen)

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

Jodie Allen noted that at the Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting of March 1st and 2nd, 2024 there was a student performance and student introduction in English and Indigenous language together with drumming and singing.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and:	
Guests:	Barry Rourke, RTA President; and eight members of the public
Regrets:	Administrative Secretary Magarian

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24: R-18 Rota/Zimmer

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24: R-19 Walsh/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 21st, 2024, 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:

- Acknowledgement missed Secwépemc – has now been corrected.
- Ready Set Learn
- Early Learning various speakers – StrongStart Hits the Road
 - Helps parents get children ready for Kindergarten
 - Kai Boggild with 3D printers out to schools
- Trustee Allen asked questions regarding the 3D printer /Colville Donovan/Kindergarten Enrolment/Mentorship Meeting working on training for teachers.
- Superintendent Kubik provided information on the Mentorship meeting – This was discussed at a Staff Meeting.
- Trustee Rota asked questions on the survey results. Superintendent Kubik noted that one comment was that the Trustee wording is better than the Ministry of Education and Child Care's wording.
- Trustee Walsh asked about next steps. Superintendent Kubik responded that the Leadership Group will come to board office for the next session and process.
- An overview of the Ministry of Education and Child Care Partnership meeting was presented by Board Chair Chell.
- Trustee Zimmer asked about the Ministry of Education and Child Care's slides on dismantling racism in education. Superintendent Kubik will send the slides.
- Global trends and high performing schools – In top performing schools, math is declining globally; reviewed a number of highlights such as social emotional learning is a priority and poverty is not your destiny.
- Board Chair Chell noted that the world is moving from content based to a critical thinking focus. He noted that the new dual credit program in the district involving the ECE partnership with SD83 is significant in our zone.

2024/2025 District Calendar

Superintendent Kubik presented the draft 2024/2025 District Calendar that was developed with input from the Revelstoke Teachers' Association, CUPE, the Parent Advisory Councils of each school and the District Parent Advisory Council and district staff. The calendar was circulated for feedback, the only feedback was from Columbia Park Elementary School. Columbia Park Elementary School would like to change the school's lunch time to align with the other elementary schools to 12:00 pm to 12:50 pm. The calendar will be amended to reflect that change.

24: R-20 Allen/Zimmer

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education adopt the 2024/2025 District Calendar as amended."

CARRIED

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw

Superintendent Kubik presented the policy which is being amended to add "Trustee Roundtable" under "Trustee Reports".

24: R-21 Rota/Walsh

"THAT the Board of Education give first reading to the attached revised Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw in accordance with section 9.4 of the current Policy 2.1."

CARRIED

Policy No. 3.7 Human Rights and Discrimination

Trustee Zimmer reviewed the policy approval process and presented the revised policy for approval.

24: R-22 Zimmer/Rota

“THAT in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Policy 3.7 Human Rights and Discrimination.”

CARRIED

Policy No. 3.8 Information Technology and MyEducationBC Usage

Trustee Zimmer presented the revised policy for approval for circulation noting that the committee is developing a separate policy for cell phones.

24: R-23 Zimmer/Walsh

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 3.8 Information Technology and MyEducationBC Usage and Access, for feedback.”

CARRIED

Policy No. 3.9 School Completion (Evergreen) Certificates

Trustee Zimmer presented the revised policy for approval for circulation.

24: R-24 Zimmer/Walsh

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 3.9 School Completion (Evergreen) for feedback.”

CARRIED

Policy No. 4.11 Educational Heritage

Trustee Zimmer presented the revised policy for approval for circulation and the reason for the policy.

24: R-25 Zimmer/Walsh

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 4.11 Educational Heritage for feedback.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of February 26th, 2024

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes. She noted that the draft policy on Roles and Conduct will be brought forward at the April 24th, 2024 Board meeting before being circulated due to Ministry of Education and Child Care’s timeline.

24: R-26 Zimmer/Rota

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of February 26th, 2024 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 27th, 2024

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting that people appreciated being part of the Strategic Plan process. There was great feedback regarding the “Educated Citizen” portion and noted the importance of student perspectives. She also highlighted the experimentation at Revelstoke Secondary School with grade 8 and 9 students and “cell phone hotels”. It is being tried in different classes to see if it has an impact on marks.

24: R-27 Walsh/Rota

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 27th, 2024 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Council Minutes of February 29th, 2024

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting the resignation of Jessica Stewardson who was a valued member of the team. Marlene Krug had an increase in her hours to help compensate as no one applied to fill Jessica’s position. The Strategic Plan was reviewed at this meeting. More land-based learning is encouraged and a list of Indigenous Education activities in the district was provided. Revelstoke Secondary School celebrated its first ever Black History month. Board Chair Chell asked if the district could participate with SD33 in the May 2nd, 2024 meeting to raise awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

24: R-28 Zimmer/Rota

“THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 29th, 2024 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustees’ Association Provincial Council Meeting of February 24th, 2024

Trustee Rota attending the meeting and noted:

- There is a new process with more meetings being done through Zoom, particularly the February meeting. This will reduce travel expenses saving the BCSTA approximately \$70,000 and eliminates winter driving for trustees attending the meetings. There was a Francophone presentation on Child Care Society including more Francophone students. No other items were added.

British Columbia School Trustee Association

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting of March 1st and 2nd, 2024

Trustees Rota, Chell and Allen attended the meeting as well as Superintendent Kubik. Trustee Rota noted that the district will be hosting a branch meeting at the Hillcrest Hotel on October 4th and 5th, 2024. The BCSTA can provide workshops on leadership skills which changed the flow of meetings. Trustee Rota also highlighted the district backpack program, the Ono Cho visit and the work being one on the Strategic Plan. Trustee Allen noted that Vernon did a really good job

and she enjoyed the trivia activity. Superintendent Kubik highlighted the powerful drumming which set the tone and the trivia game. Trustee Chell noted that Barb Sheppard, the Okanagan Branch Chair will set up a call to provide some information for the October branch meeting that will be held at the Hillcrest Hotel in Revelstoke. He added that the BCSTA Annual General Meeting in April will include a zone meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Begbie View Elementary School Parent Advisory Council regarding the restriction of cell phone use in schools.

- Board Chair Chell confirmed that the district is working on a cell phone policy in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Superintendent Kubik advised that districts are expecting further information from the Ministry after spring break.

24: R-29 Allen/Rota

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education provide a letter to the Begbie View Elementary School Parent Advisory Council thanking them for their input and confirming that their letter has been referred to the Policy Review Committee as they work on the district’s cell phone policy.”

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

Representatives from a group called “Free to Focus” spoke in support of the letter sent by the Begbie View Elementary School Parent Advisory Council regarding cell phone use in schools. The group supports the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s policy on restricting cell phone use in schools. They launched a letter of support in the community on how important this is for the district. They noted how important such a policy is for the district and they have done research on what is required and that there are successful policies in other districts. They stated that successful policies often come from Committees that include parents, students and community members. Board Chair Chell reviewed the district’s policy regarding the process for presentations at School Board Meetings. The group will provide a 10 minute presentation at the April 24th, 2024 school board meeting which will be taking place at Columbia Park Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Allen.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Superintendent Growth Plan
- Update on Employee Issues

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: March 13th, 2024