



Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting December 7th, 2023

Minutes

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.

Called to order at 4:00 pm.

In attendance: Lisa Moore, Erin England, Sarah Zimmer, Marly McAstocker, Kim Poirier, Jodi Wallach, and Roberta Kubik

Regrets: Marlene Krug, Jessica Stewardson, Asa Kenyon, and Kathryn Kokotailo Waterer

1. Agenda Additions

- BCSTA Trustee Academy (Sarah Zimmer)
 - At the Academy students did short Ignite presentations. One was “Say Her Name” where students walked around the track to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. They added the mileage and walked the distance of the highway of tears.
 - Another presentation shared that students made pins to celebrate Ribbon Dress Day.

2. A review of the November 2nd, 2023 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:

- No errors or omissions

3. Bill 40

- Three parts: School of Choice for students who live on-reserve, self-governing First Nation Lands or Treaty lands, LEA (Local Education Agreement), and IEC (Indigenous Education Council) (only item that impacts Revy)
- Indigenous Education Council (IEC)
 - Legislative change
 - Roles and Responsibilities will become a Ministerial Order
 - School Act Amendment – ministerial orders and governance rules
 - Membership
- Will advise Boards on:
 - ✓ Providing comprehensive and equitable education programs and services to Indigenous students
 - ✓ Improve Indigenous student achievement

- ✓ Integrating Indigenous world views and perspectives into learning environments
- ✓ Grants relating to Indigenous students that are provided to boards
- Targeted funds – to be determined by Board and Indigenous Communities
- Terms of Reference will be set out in a Ministerial Order and will provide a common understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Indigenous Education Council. The district will create a new policy to align with the legislative change.

4. First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Update

- The importance of learning language was a theme that kept coming up throughout the two days.
- Jo Chrona
 - Learning requires making mistakes. It is important that teachers know and model that it's better to make mistakes as they move forward with standard nine (educators contribute towards truth, reconciliation and healing.) than to not do anything.
 - Anti-racism vs not being a racist requires action
 - Be aware of the racism of low expectations
 - Relationship is key. Don't just care, ask yourself "How do they know I care?"
- Early Numeracy
 - Importance of using numbers in local language in games
 - Intergenerational connections when possible
 - Family games nights – hosted by schools
 - Math and beading
- Scope and Sequence – building language K-12
 - Kamloops worked with three Nations to co-create three K-12 Scope and Sequence by season. I brought the Secwépemc version home.
 - There were many challenges, but it has provided clear co-created guidelines. Supporting teachers with resources and recognition that the knowledge holders are often paid the least in the district, when they have the knowledge to share.
 - In Revelstoke, we recommend the focus is on the Nsyilxcen language that was used by the Sinixt as well as the Syilx Okanagan. Lisa is exploring the possibility of a Nsyilxcen language teacher to work directly with Revelstoke students and teachers.
- Recognize that many Nations cover multiple districts and are being asked a lot right now. What level do they want to be involved?

5. Website

- Roberta Kubik will work with Revelstoke Board of Education on a Truth and Reconciliation page.
- The four Nations descriptions are included. We had a suggestion to include a link to First Voice to hear the translation.

- Indigenous Education Parent Consent form is currently included on the site. We discussed importance of connecting directly with parents and wondered about removing this, but decided it was important to have it available as an option for parents.
- Indigenous Education website will be designed after the District's site is up and running. The Committee will be advising on things to include.

6. Updates:

- Lisa Moore
Highlights have been the trips to visit Nations, the support from maintenance as we set up the Tipi by the board office, and the Art Alleries program this past month.
- Jessica Stewardson
This month has been full of Remembrance and Cultural entertainment. The students have enjoyed learning and experiencing new music and dances.
- Marlene Krug
 - Last classes of Secwepemc 'The Good Spirit Story Box'
 - A few classes of an Indigenous themed program 'Moe the Mouse' with Ms. Penner
 - Carving into drift wood, mostly just holes, while I shared art work by my friend carver Moy Sutherland.
 - Medicine Wheel activity with new carpet.
 - Secwepemc words on AHE announcements.
 - Jess McMahon hoop dancing
 - By the Fireside with Randy Williams at CPE and AHE
 - Beading and sewing medicine bag one on one with 3 students
 - Brought older students as helpers with younger students. Métis beading lesson and craft.
 - Found Coyote Science and did some experiments with kids.
 - Forest walks and lunch

7. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Next meeting dates (all at 4:00 pm at the School Board Office, Upper Meeting Room):

- February 1st, 2024
- February 29th, 2024
- April 4th, 2024
- May 2nd, 2024