



Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting February 29th, 2024

Minutes

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.

Called to order at 4:04 pm

In attendance: Asa Kenyon, Erin England, Sarah Zimmer, Jodi Wallach, and Roberta Kubik

Regrets: Lisa Moore, Marley McAstocker, Marlene Krug, Jessica Stewardson, Kathryn Kokotailo Waterer

1. **Agenda Additions**
2. **A review of the February 1st, 2024 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**(now known as the Indigenous Education Council):
 - No errors or omissions
3. **Development of the District's new Strategic Plan** (presented by Sarah Zimmer)
 - Sarah shared the Board's "placemat" and took notes from the group discussion.
 - Here is the link to the webpage [Strategic Plan](#)
4. **Staffing and Knowledge Holder updates**
 - Jessica Stewardson is opening her new photography studio at 111 Connaught Ave. As this will be a full-time commitment, Jessica will no longer be with us at SD 19. We are sad to see her go but are so excited for her new adventures.
 - No internal applications have been received for Jessica's position, so it has now been posted externally. Marlene Krug is increasing her hours until Spring Break and will now be at all three elementary schools.
 - Donovan Timentwa, a certified Teacher of the Nsyilxcən language, spent three days in our elementary schools from February 13-15. Some of the feedback received was: "The children (grade 3/4) were very enthusiastic and liked his lesson.", "My class loved him. He taught us counting 1-10 and the bluebird song."

5. Website, logo, committee name, and art installations

- Website
 - Colours – cranberry/red because this is the colour that the ancestors can see best.
 - Language links
- Committee Name
 - Indigenous Education Council (IEC) instead of Indigenous Education Advisory Committee
 - Invitations to Sinixt, Secwépemc, Ktunaxa, and Syilix Okanagan Councils re participation in future IEC meetings. They should be paid for this time. Kristi from the Ktunaxa has already shared with her director and would like to virtually attend April 4th, and potentially in person for May 2nd.
- Art Installations
 - Delreé Dumont will start her first mural at Begbie View Elementary School in March.

6. District Updates:

- Marlene Krug
 - Tipi Lessons (Campfire, winter homes, seasons, furs, food, importance of stories, song, games, feather drop)
 - The visit of Donovan Timentwa who came to teach students the Nsyilxcən language.
 - Elder Randy Williams visit making arrowheads or multi-tools, songs and stories.
 - Gym games to Arrow Heights Elementary School teacher Adam Cadegan.
 - Arrow Heights Elementary School did announcements in three languages.
- Lisa Moore
 - My highlights have been two students who struggle to pay attention in class; one came up with an amazing way to show his family tree on a salmon and is doing it for a Mother's Day project and the other student actually came to our office to tell me he got his assignment done in class. He was so pleased with himself it made me really happy for him.
 - Maya Howe-Short's work on the first Black History Month celebration at Revelstoke Secondary School. Maya developed a bulletin board with library staff and delivered Kahoot quizzes to 9 senior humanities classes. These sessions led to good discussions, but at times were difficult for her as some students are not culturally sensitive in their comments. Overall, it was a positive experience but highlighted the need for further education.
- Jessica Stewardson
 - Visits from Elder Randy Williams and Donovan Timentwa
 - Tipi programs
 - Outdoor games
 - Hoop dancing

7. Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

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

- April 4th, 2024
- May 2nd, 2024



