



## Revelstoke Board of Education

### Indigenous Education Council Meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

#### Minutes

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***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.

1. Agenda Additions
  - Strategic Plan
2. A review of the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes:
  - No errors or omissions
3. Review of the joint training sessions with The Sinixt Confederacy and Confederated Tribes of the Colville and the Province of BC. concerning the Sinixt ethnohistorical report found here [[Ethnohistorical Report - Sinixt](#)], as well as the implementation of the Desautel decision. Sinixt Confederacy staff will also be outlining their priorities for the upcoming year.
  - Everything in the Ethnohistorical report has been tied to a historical record (ie ethnographer, trader, surveyor, missionary, scientists) recognizing that the job affected what was reported on. The window of time researched was 1811-1846.
  - Hunting trails discovered down the valley. In this area, trails connecting 3-valley gap to town. Documentation from a white person who was lost and missed his transportation south explained that the Lakes people helped him survive the winter. This was used to verify that they had in fact lived here.
  - The Sinixt Confederacy has officially been recognized as an “Aboriginal people of Canada”. The federal government, provincial government, and Sinixt Confederacy are still working together on the logistics and legal matters.
  - The Lakes tribe is the only successor group that has been officially recognized.
4. Upcoming Student Leadership Summit in Kamloops
  - Seven students from grades 9-12 are travelling to Kamloops to attend the Student Leadership Summit along with Lisa Moore and Greg Kenyon.

- Students will participate in a campus scavenger hunt, grand march, breakout sessions to share voice and create actionable and youth-friendly goals to combat racism in schools, district, and province, and a closing ceremony with a student drum group.
  - Two breakout sessions for student voice: Personal and Interpersonal Racism, Structural and Institutional Racism.
5. Budget
- Draft Budget approved.
6. Indigenous Day of Learning – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
- See attachments
7. Staff and Knowledge Holder Updates:
- Marlene Krug*
- Randy – singing, doing flint knapping in 3- 6/7 Classes.
  - Donovan- Alice came to language lessons, games, songs, colours, numbers, animals.
  - Started Music Classes at Begbie View Elementary School, drumming and singing Secwepemc Honour Song.
  - Canva projects - Nsyilxcen numbers and school plants-medicine.
  - Wood burning on birch bark.
- Lisa Moore*
- Attended two capstone presentations for graduating students who showed confidence and pride in their presentations.
  - Watching students feeling success at school has been so interesting.
  - The Ktunaxa worked with Parks Canada to harvest white pine. We took the sturgeon nosed canoe made by Wayne Louie for them to see and were invited to attend the morning.
8. Strategic Plan
- The school board adopted a plan to move forward with a student learning focus. Roberta Kubik is putting together a writing team to operationalize the strategic plan and would like representation from the Indigenous Education Department. Meetings will be June 13, 14, and 19 from 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm. The Sinixt Confederacy will be in Revelstoke from June 13-14 for the annual canoe launch which will likely conflict on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
9. Adjourned:
- Future Meeting Dates: TBA
- Shared the dates for 4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning season 2 to consider for planning these dates.