

Revelstoke Board of Education

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting November 2nd, 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, Jessica Stewardson, Erin England, Sarah Zimmer, and

Roberta Kubik

Regrets: Marlene Krug, Asa Kenyon, Kathryn Kokotailo Waterer, Kirby

Miller, and Jodi Wallach

- 1. Agenda Additions
 - Hiring protocols when Indigenous ancestry is required
 - The Committee will reflect and share ideas at the next meeting
- 2. A review of the October 5th, 2023 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - No errors or omissions
- 3. Review meeting dates
 - February 8th, 2024 meeting move up to February 1st, 2024
 - March 7th, 2024 meeting move up to February 29th, 2024
 - June 6th, 2024 meeting move up to April 4th, 2024
- 4. Proposed Budget Ideas
 - Elder Visits
 - A more general term to be used Knowledge Holders or Indigenous Educator, rather than Elders
 - Sturgeon-nosed Canoe Ktunaxa
 - Robin Louie (nephew of Wayne Louie who originally made the canoe) at Yakin Nukuy has offered to repair the canoe, share knowledge, and guide us on upkeep.
 - Artist in Residence
 - Delrée Dumont multi-year project with each school in the district receiving their own art installation.

Giant Indigenous floor map

 Canadian Geographic is sending one to Revelstoke for the period December 11th, 2023 to January 26th, 2024. While it is here, the Committee can look over the resources to determine if there is potential to have one purchased for the district.

Pow Wow

 Smokii Sumac has invited the district to a pow wow in Creston. There may be one held in Golden – confirmation pending.

Student Leadership Summit

 May be an ongoing yearly commitment – look at starting a Leadership group consisting of Indigenous high school students

Hide workshops

 The Indigenous Education Department has had three hides donated by local hunters. The department may take cultural days to have a workshop with a Knowledge Holder from Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabet (BNA) (Jessica Stewardson's Nation).

5. Professional Development in May (May 3rd, 2024)

- Indigenous grad requirements
- How to do land acknowledgments
- History of Nations who stewarded this land
- Beading and the proficiency scale
- Keynote cultural safety (Len Pierre?)
- An "on-the-land" activity ask Remey
- Do as many sessions outside as possible
- Share food in some way with everyone together

Website

Discuss at the December 7th, 2023 meeting

7. December Luncheon

 The luncheon will take place on Thursday, December 14th, 2023 in the basement of the United Church

8. Tipi

 Bill Eaton has mowed the grass and the poles will be collected from storage soon.

9. Updates:

- Marlene Krug –
- Lisa Moore English First Peoples 12 class had a session with Knowledge Holder Randy Williams and were very thoughtful and

respectful. A group of grade 8 boys would like to learn beading. Lisa Moore will organize it.

 Jessica Stewardson – Boozhoo! October was a great month of being grateful to mother earth and being on the land. Having a Sinixt educator come and share their knowledge was an amazing opportunity for the students and us as Indigenous educators. Being on the land with Remey and learning from a Sinixt person was a wonderful opportunity.

10. Adjourned:

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

- November 2nd, 2023
- December 7th, 2023
- February 1st, 2024
- February 29th, 2024
- April 4th, 2024
- May 2nd, 2024