

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)**

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	R. Gage T. Kroeker D. Laird G. Swan L. Ward
	Superintendent	R. Peacock
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Superintendent	S. McNiven

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**AGENDA**

14/061 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

14/062 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 12, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Presentation: Princeton Secondary School European Trip**

Princeton Secondary School Teacher Kirk McConnell provided an update on the PSS European field trip planned for March 11-24, 2015.

He advised that the cost per student is \$4,300 and that nine students ranging in grades from 8-11 and three adults are currently confirmed.

14/063

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be granted for the PSS European field trip on March 11-24, 2015, subject to all field trip requirements being adhered to.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation: Strategic Planning Update**

The Assistant Superintendent provided an update regarding the next steps involved in the District's strategic plan. He noted that the Advisory Committee has met two times and will meet again on April 17, 2014. He advised that overall, the process has been productive and all the information collected from stakeholders is now being compiled. He noted Ross Spina will present the final report to the Board on May 7, 2014.

He advised that once a final report has been approved, an implementation process will take place with ongoing reporting to follow.

The Assistant Superintendent thanked the Advisory Committee members; Karen Goetz for taking on the role as Chair and Carla Bacon for her role as note taker.

**Presentation: MyEducation BC**

District Technology Coordinator Jason McAllister provided an update on the implementation plan from BCeSIS to MyEducation BC. He advised a district implementation team consisting of himself, Accounts Payable Clerk Simone Chenoweth and the Assistant Superintendent has been finalized. In addition, teacher leaders at each school have been selected. Mr. McAllister emphasized the positive components of MyEducation BC in comparison to BCeSIS.

**Presentation: Community Literacy**

Trustee Ward introduced Community Literacy Coordinator Diera Maynard. Ms. Maynard provided an overview of the numerous literacy events happening in Princeton.

14/064

It was moved and seconded:

THAT a letter of support be provided to Princeton Community Literacy program

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Field Trips**

The list of field trips was circulated for review.

14/065

It was moved and seconded:

That approval be given for the Vermilion Forks Elementary Grade 7 and the Princeton Secondary School Grade 10/11 students field trip to Camp Boyle in Summerland on May 26-28, 2014, subject to Board policy.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent updated Trustees on a number of activities occurring in the district. In particular:

- The MSS field trip to Costa Rica is currently taking place.
- The elementary Grade 6-7 basketball tournament.
- Students recently attended the showing of Shana the Wolf's Music at NVIT.
- Science Fair results – one student from SCIDES will be going to nationals.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Annual Facilities Grant – Bylaw 126772**

14/066

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126772 specifying a maximum expenditure of \$493,239 for the Annual Facilities Grant Allocation, be read a first and second time.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was consensus that a third reading be held.

14/067

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126772 specifying a maximum expenditure of \$493,239 for the Annual Facilities Grant Allocation, be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Nicola-Canford Elementary School Modular Project Update**

The Superintendent advised that the modular project is currently proceeding on schedule and on budget.

**One-Ton Truck Purchase**

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the quotes received for the replacement of the one-ton trucks for each end of the district. He recommended the district move forward with the quote from Murray GM at a cost of \$32,472 plus taxes per vehicle, for a total of \$64,944.

14/068

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the purchase of two one-ton trucks from Murray GM in the amount of \$32,472 plus taxes each.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary and Merritt Bench Elementary Schools, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettville Elementary School, Trustee Laird for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School.

**Other Reports**

Chairman Comeau advised that four districts in the province now have Student Trustees. He noted one of the Student Trustees will be a reader at the upcoming BCSTA AGM reading for Trustee Silas White.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and action taken:

- SCIDES student Logan Turner of Tulameen, being presented the Governor General's Award for outstanding scholastic achievement;
- The school district's student success at the recent Regional Science Fair;
- Thank you letter received from Barb Douglas regarding the District's recent Culture Camp held at Lower Nicola Indian Band; and
- A letter from Charlie Angus, MP for Timmins/James Bay regarding keeping democracy in schools campaign.

**OTHER**

**Staffing Updates**

The Superintendent provided a very gracious announcement of his retirement effective July 31, 2014.

The Chairman noted it was without reservation that the Board rehired the Superintendent for a second term. He emphasised that the Superintendent provided educational leadership and guidance during a constant change in the sector. He further noted that the inclusiveness of the Trustees and senior staff has always been apparent.

He remarked how the Superintendent's professionalism has been outstanding whether it was guiding the Board through labour disputes or school closures. The process has made the Board a very strong and cohesive unit.

The Chairman concluded by stating it has been a pleasure serving as a Trustee with the Superintendent at the helm.

The Chairman announced that Assistant Superintendent McNiven has been appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools for School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) effective August 1, 2014.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Dawn Johnson asked about the location of the Nicola-Canford Modular School. It was noted that the school is located at 2311 Postell St, Lower Nicola, BC.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary Treasurer