

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	R. Gage T. Kroeker D. Laird D. Rainer G. Swan
	Student Trustee	A. Silbernagel
	Superintendent	R. Peacock
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

It was requested that the Riverside Building be removed from the Building Committee as this was dealt with in the in-camera meeting.

14/022 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

14/023 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 15, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation – Office 365

District Technology Coordinator Jason McAllister provided an overview of Office 365. He advised this is a free platform that is specific to students and offers most of the Microsoft Office programs. Mr. McAllister noted the data is hosted in the United States and therefore, a Consent Form must be signed off by parents. He advised that Office 365 accounts would be used until students graduate from high school.

14/024 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the district move forward with the Office 365 program for students.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation – Princeton Elementary Schools

Principal Barry Clarke provided an overview of the many activities occurring at Vermilion Forks and John Allison Elementary Schools.

Presentation – PSS Field Trip

Princeton Secondary School Vice Principal Patrick Kaiser provided an update of the Senior Band cultural tour to Spokane, Washington on May 16-18, 2014, to see the musical Wicked, along with other possible activities.

14/025 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Princeton Secondary School Senior Band field trip to Spokane, Washington on May 16-18, 2014, be approved subject to final discussions with the Superintendent regarding bus driver qualifications and passport confirmation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2014/15 School Calendar

The Superintendent advised that Option B received overwhelming results from the two calendar options sent out to parents.

14/026 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the district move forward with the Option B school calendar which includes a two-week spring break connected to Easter and has Monday, November 10th as a non-school day.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Strategic Plan

The Superintendent informed that the district is moving forward with the Strategic Plan. Senior staff will be meeting with Ross Spina on Friday to discuss direction for the upcoming advisory committee meeting on February 20, 2014.

The Chairman noted that Trustee Gage has been selected to sit on this advisory committee.

Field Trips

The February 12, 2014 list of Superintendent approved field trips was circulated for review.

14/027 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the Merritt Bench Elementary Outdoor Education field trip to Silver Lake in Peachland on May 20-22, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent's Report

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

- Elementary handball tournament for grade four and five on February 20th
- Non-instructional day February 21, 2014
- Anti-bullying day on February 26th
- A fund raiser for Kathy Koller is being held on February 28, 2014.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2013/2014 Amended Budget

The Secretary Treasurer circulated copies of the 2013/2014 Amended Annual Budget and reviewed the major changes between the annual and amended annual budgets.

He also provided an estimate of the SCIDES budget for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year.

14/028 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2013/2014 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$28,647,552 be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

14/029 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2013/2014 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$28,647,552 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2014/2015 PAC Budget Presentations

The Superintendent reported on the recent 2014/2015 budget presentations given at the PAC meetings. He noted that currently, four presentations have occurred with further presentations planned for next week. He indicated that the goal of the presentations is to gather feedback on the budget process.

PLNet Upgrade

The Superintendent provided an overview of the PLNET upgrade attachments. He noted that the current network challenges are provided in the document. In particular, the current 1990 architecture has been failing to meet requirements and is not a design that is scalable to meet projected growth.

Due to the current network state, the recommendation is to upgrade the network. Along with this upgrade come costs to the district.

Two options were provided from the Ministry of Education. Option one includes taking the capital costs from the Annual Facilities Grant funding and the operating costs from the block funding before allocation to districts. Option two would be to charge each district their costs as they are able to utilize the network.

The Superintendent recommendation was option one. There was general consensus the district move forward with the recommendation.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Nicola-Canford Modular Project Update

The Superintendent advised that the Nicola-Canford Modular project is moving ahead and at the present time, is on schedule for an end of July completion.

The Chairman noted he recently toured the site and was quite impressed at the progress and is excited about the final product.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Andrew Silbernagel noted the first semester exams just finished. He informed that his leadership class is currently looking at anti-bullying programs

to present to other students. He noted Princeton Secondary School will be hosting a Valentine's Day game contest on February 13, 2014.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary and Merritt Bench Elementary Schools, Trustee Laird for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School.

Other Reports

The Chairman noted he attended the BCPSEA AGM.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer