

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	R. Gage D. Laird D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	M. Finch
	Superintendent	R. Peacock
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

14/041 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

14/042 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held February 12, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation – Goodness Gorillas (Merritt Central Elementary School)

The Superintendent introduced Merritt Central Elementary School Goodness Gorillas (GG) Coordinator Kriss Morel. Ms. Morel provided an overview of the GG program. She presented examples of the program such as students dropping off cookies at the senior's home or providing random acts of kindness such as opening the door for someone.

Clara Covington, a student teacher at Merritt Central, also provided a video and a poem created by one of her classes.

Presentation – Kurt Christopherson Re: Merritt Movie Theatre

Kurt Christopherson provided an overview of the Merritt Movie Theatre vision and a review of where the project is currently at. He reported the goal is to build a four-theatre movie facility, providing the rationale behind the project, as well as the benefits.

Mr. Christopherson noted the educational aspect of the theatre which would include one of the four theatres being a 200 hundred seat facility containing a performing arts stage and screen.

Mr. Christopherson requested the school district provide a letter of support regarding the educational aspect of the project.

14/043

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the district provide a letter of support to the Cinema Society emphasising the educational components of the theatre.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Provincial Results of the 2013 BC Adolescent Health Survey

The Superintendent provided the results of the 2013 BC Adolescent Health Survey. He noted the results are being shared with the secondary schools and the SELT team. He reported the adolescent survey covers youth background; family; community; school and work; mental health; injuries and injury prevention; nutrition; body weight and body image; sexual behaviour; substance use; violence and abuse; leisure and technology.

2014/2015 School Calendar

The Superintendent outlined the concern that had arisen regarding the selection of Option B as the 2014-2015 School Calendar and the Collective Agreement. The concern was the result of both the union and the district failing to pick up on Article D.20.4 prior to the options being sent out.

Failing a mutual agreement with the local union the district will have no alternative but to go with Calendar Option A. If the local union mutually agreed to remain with Option B, the Superintendent noted that this is a one-year situation and that the Collective Agreement language would be adhered to for future school calendars.

14/044

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the district, on a without prejudice basis, offer to share equally with the local union the TTOC replacement costs for up to five (5) members attending the AGM. Otherwise the district will go with Calendar Option A for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses

The Assistant Superintendent provided an overview of the following proposed Board/Authority Authorized (BAA):

- Eight courses under Expanded Core Curriculum (Students with visual impairments)
- Heart Beat of the Nicola Valley (Drums, Dance and Indigenous Theatre)
- The Century Project: World War I (12)

14/045

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the following as Board/Authority Authorized courses:

Eight courses under Expanded Core Curriculum (Students with visual impairments); Heart Beat of the Nicola Valley (Drums, Dance and Indigenous Theatre); and The Century Project: World War I 12

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Strategic Plan Update

The Superintendent advised that the second meeting of the advisory group will be taking place tomorrow, March 13, 2014. It was noted that the first advisory committee meeting had fifteen priorities identified resulting in a survey being sent out to narrow down the priorities from fifteen to ten.

He noted that the partner groups will have town hall type meetings with information being gathered, collected and analyzed. He confirmed the objective is still to have the plan completed by early May.

Trustee Gage reported that the facilitator and the advisory chair will be meeting with stakeholders on April 14, 2014 in Princeton and on April 15, 2014 in Merritt.

Science Fair

The Superintendent advised that for the first time, each school in the district will have a student representative at the April 3-4, 2014 Regional Science Fair.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided an update on the following activities occurring in the district:

- The Bright Red Bookshelf volunteer luncheon for MSS students who help organize the books for this program. There are approximately 32 Bright Red Bookshelves in Merritt.
- PSS most recent Pro-d session – 21st Century Learning, including student's presentations.
- The Aboriginal Parent Appreciation night.
- Culture camp held at Lower Nicola Indian Band.
- Upper Nicola Indian Band World Café.
- Fraser Institute rankings with 454 out of 982 being the high and 962 out of 982 being the low for schools within the school district.
- He reported a student wrote a poem about former teacher Steve Carroll which will be read on CBCs the Vinyl Café.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Sale of Douglas Lake Land

The Secretary Treasurer advised of the Disposal of Land order for the Douglas Lake land and the mandatory documents for Ministerial approval.

He informed that he has prepared a letter to the Minister requesting disposal approval. In addition, he has reviewed all of the mandatory documents required with John Woycheshin, Director Regional Manager, Capital Management Branch with the Ministry of Education.

14/046

It was moved and seconded:

THAT subject to Ministerial approval, the District move forward with the proposed exchange of land at Douglas Lake Ranch Parcel A, District Lot 362, Kamloops Division of Yale Land District for a scholarship of \$1,500 per year for a commitment of 15 years.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nicola-Canford Modular Update

Trustee Laird reported that a tour had been conducted today at the Nicola-Canford site and everything is going as planned.

The Superintendent advised that the project is still on schedule and reported that the modular units are expected to start arriving next week from Shelter Industries.

Carbon Neutral Capital Program

The Secretary Treasurer informed that the district has received a Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) contribution of \$120,000 towards the Merritt Secondary School boiler replacement. He noted the project estimate is \$300,000 with the funding breakdown as follows:

School District No. 58	\$162,000
CNCP Contribution	120,000
Third Party Contribution	<u>18,000</u>
Total	<u>300,000</u>

14/047 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the District to contribute \$162,000 towards the Merritt Secondary School boiler replacement project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Secretary Treasurer provided information regarding the Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP) Bylaw for \$130,093. He informed that \$120,000 of the amount is for the MSS boiler replacement with the remaining \$10,093 being to assist school districts to engage technical expertise to identify CNCP projects for future years.

14/048 It was moved and seconded:

THAT CNCP Capital Project Bylaw No. 126713, specifying a maximum expenditure of \$130,093 for CNCP Project No. 126713 be read a first, and second time.

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

14/049 It was moved and seconded:

THAT CNCP Capital Project Bylaw No. 126713, specifying a maximum expenditure of \$130,093 for CNCP Project No. 126713 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Gage for Diamond Vale and Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary and Merritt Bench Elementary Schools, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker (read by Trustee Laird) for Colletville, Trustee Laird for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for

John Allison Elementary School and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Mackenzie Finch and Emily Maloney update the Board on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. Student Trustee Emily Maloney's report was read by the Secretary Treasurer.

Other Reports

Trustee Ward travelled personally to Mexico and made a visit to a school. She reported on her findings.

Trustee Rainer informed of a potential solar panel project that he is working on with the Maintenance Supervisor.

Trustee Gage reported on the Aboriginal Education meeting at the recent Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting.

Trustee Laird reported on the Education session at the recent Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting.

The Chairman reported that both he and the Superintendent attended Vermilion Forks to receive a \$10,000 cheque for the community presented by the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC).

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer