

**MINUTES**

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

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

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**AGENDA**

14/078 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

14/079 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 16, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Presentation – Learning Commons Grant**

The Superintendent introduced Merritt Secondary School Library Technician Val Kynoch who provided an overview of the Learning Commons. She also provided an overview of the Learning Commons grant proposals to date. Ms. Kynoch advised she visited every librarian in the district to develop a plan for each school.

The Superintendent thanked Ms. Kynoch for the excellent work she has done on this grant.

### **Presentation – Strategic Plan**

The Superintendent introduced Ross Spina, facilitator of the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee, who presented the final report of the District's Strategic Plan. Mr. Spina thanked all the members of the Advisory Committee and Trustees for their time and commitment to this important work.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Spina for his leadership and thanked Ms. Goetz for her commitment to chairing the Advisory Committee.

### **Trustee Reps for Secondary School Graduations**

It was discussed that the following Trustee will represent the Board at the listed graduation ceremonies:

- Trustee Comeau for the Kengard Learning Centre graduation;
- Trustee Kroeker for the Merritt Secondary School graduation; and
- Trustee Ward for the Princeton Secondary School graduation.

### **Board/Authority Authorized Courses**

The Assistant Superintendent introduced South Central Interior Distance Education School teacher Joan Wheeler who provided an overview of the following proposed Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses from South Central Interior Distance Education School:

Fundamental Vietnamese 12, Fundamental Turkish 12, Fundamental Swedish 12, Fundamental Portuguese 12, Fundamental Polish 12, Fundamental Latin 12, Fundamental Irish 12, Fundamental Hindi 12, Fundamental Greek 12, Fundamental Filipino 12, Fundamental Arabic 12 and Fundamental Dutch 12.

14/080

It was moved and seconded:

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

Fundamental Vietnamese 12, Fundamental Turkish 12, Fundamental Swedish 12, Fundamental Portuguese 12, Fundamental Polish 12, Fundamental Latin 12,

Fundamental Irish 12, Fundamental Hindi 12, Fundamental Greek 12, Fundamental Filipino 12, Fundamental Arabic 12 and Fundamental Dutch 12.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Field Trips**

The list of field trips was circulated for review.

14/081 It was moved and seconded:

That approval be given for the Merritt Central Elementary School field trip to Harmon Lake on June 2-3, 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 Merritt Secondary School track and field event.
- The NVIT Plumbing and Piping Foundation Program.
- The District Pow Wow.
- The Grade Seven Knobby ball tournament.
- The visit from the Superintendent of Aboriginal Achievement.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw**

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the public process and a summary of the budget survey.

14/082 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$28,173,582 be read a first and second time.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

14/083 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2014/2015 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$28,173,582 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

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

Maintenance Supervisor Jim Garfield provided an update on the Nicola Canford Modular project. He noted the project is still on track for occupancy for the end of July.

### **Vandalism Report**

Maintenance Supervisor Jim Garfield provided a summary of vandalism to date in the district. He noted that an eight-year average annual cost for vandalism for Merritt is \$6,000 and Princeton is \$1,000.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Gage for Diamond Vale and Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Swan for Merritt Bench Elementary Schools, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School.

### **Other Reports**

Trustee Ward noted that Gordon Swan was acclaimed as Vice-President for the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA). She noted that Trustee Laird was acclaimed as Vice-President for the Thompson Okanagan Branch of the BCSTA.

The Chairman provided Trustees Swan, Gage and Rainer with their certificate of service for the BCSTA of 18, 9 and 6 years respectively.

### **Retirement/Long Service Teas**

There was consensus that this year's Retirement/Long Service Teas be held on June 9, 2014 in Princeton and June 10, 2014 in Merritt.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary Treasurer