

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	C. McCormack A. McElveen
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

15/011 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

15/012 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held December 10, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Superintendent introduced grade 12 Student Trustee Allison McElveen and grade 11 Student Trustee Cohen McCormack.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

BC Lions Skills for Life Summit Presentation

The Superintendent introduced the Principal for Diamond Vale Elementary School Bruce Bidney and Diamond Vale grade 7 student Spencer Vaughn.

Mr. Bidney and Mr. Vaughn provided an overview of their extracurricular experience at the BC Lions Skills for Life Summit. He noted the BC Lions players discussed violence against women and bullying prevention.

On the day prior to the Summit, Mr. Vaughn and a fellow student Chase Cook, attended the Grey Cup game between the Calgary Stampeders and the Hamilton Tiger Cats. They also attended WorkBC's "Find your Fit" skills and trades stations at the Richmond Oval.

Special Education Audit

The Superintendent provided an update on the student file review taking place prior to the Special Education audit on February 2-6, 2015.

Superintendent's Report of Achievement

The Superintendent provided an overview of the 2013 Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement that is a requirement of the *School Act*.

The Report is intended to ensure transparency and accountability for each school district in terms of its responsibility for improving student achievement. He noted that it provides information that will facilitate planning for the continuing improvement of student achievement at the school and district levels and provides specific evidence and measures in the area of literacy, school completion results as well as a progress report on children in care.

15/013

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement dated January 2014 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District Achievement Contract

The Superintendent provided an update on the District Achievement Contract and the two goal areas of Well Being and Learning (Engagement). Principals will be meeting on January 21st to discuss priorities and action items.

Field Trips

The list of Superintendent approved field trips was circulated for review.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent advised of the following activities occurring in the district:

- Merritt Secondary bus arrived and took students on first trip
- Science Fair work and planning taking place (fair to be hosted by MCE / Burt Bergman taking on district organizing)
 - Request sent out for regional judges
- Honouring our Elders January 22nd (Merritt Central to host 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
- Basketball taking place at both ends of the district
- New Literacy Outreach Coordinator hired for Merritt – Ros Duclos (1st meeting next week)
- Strong Start evening sessions starting in Merritt and Princeton (Once per week or once every second week)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2014/2015 Ministry of Education Grant

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the estimated funding grant and the final funding numbers for the 2014/2015 school year.

Appointment of Auditors

15/014 It was moved and seconded:

THAT McConnell, Voelkl be appointed as the district's auditors for the 2014/2015 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

School Dude Software

Operations Manager Archie Stogianos presented a proposal regarding switching from the current work order system "WebWorks" to a new system called "School Dude."

15/015 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the District to move forward with the School Dude software program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Phone Replacement Update

The Secretary Treasurer advised that a Request For Proposal (RFP) is currently on BC Bid for the phone replacement at Merritt Secondary School/School Board office, Kengard Learning Centre, and Princeton Secondary School. He noted the RFP closes tomorrow and he will review the bids with the Operations Manager. He

further noted that the RFP asks for digital with the capability of VOIP should we wish to move in this direction in the future.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Photocopier Replacement Merritt Bench and Diamond Vale Elementary Schools

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the current state of photocopiers at Merritt Bench and Diamond Vale Elementary Schools. It was recommended to purchase two new photocopiers at an approximate cost of \$26,000

15/016

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the purchase of two photocopiers for Merritt Bench and Diamond Vale Elementary Schools at an estimated cost of \$26,000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Diamond Vale, Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary School and Merritt Bench Elementary School, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee McElveen provided an update on a number of events occurring at Merritt Secondary School. In addition, she advised that the music department will be holding two concerts, one on January 21st and one on January 22nd.

Student Trustee McCormack also provided an update on a number of events occurring at Merritt Secondary School.

Other Reports

The Chairman noted that he and Trustee Ward attended a turkey dinner at Princeton Secondary School.

He also noted that the local union has made a request to provide a presentation on one of the district's policies.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and action taken:

- ArtStarts In Schools grant for \$7,200 for performing arts activities throughout the district for the 2014-2015 school year;
- Ministry of Education approval for the under-expenditure of Aboriginal Education targeted funds.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer