

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	Z. Douglas R. Howarth
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black

It was requested that the Color Run Healthy presentation be added to the Education Committee.

AGENDA

15/088 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

15/089 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held May 13, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Summary of Band Trip to Seattle

The Superintendent introduced Princeton Secondary School Principal Sandee Blair who introduced Princeton Band teacher Myrna Coates. Ms Coates and her students provided a presentation on their recent band field trip to Seattle.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Coates and her students for their excellent presentation.

Presentation: Color Me Healthy Run

Princeton Secondary School Principal Sandee Blair introduced Leadership teacher Crystal Larsen. Mrs. Larsen introduced student Kyla Coyne who provided an overview of her Color Me Healthy run event.

Mrs. Larsen noted that Ms. Coyne's event raised almost \$3,000 for the Princeton Health Care Sustainability Society.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Larsen and Ms. Coyne for their presentation and congratulated Ms. Coyne on the success of her event.

Presentation: PSS Europe Trip

Princeton Secondary School Principal Sandee Blair introduced teacher Kirk McConnell. Mr. McConnell and his students provided an overview of the recent Princeton Secondary School field trip to Italy and Greece.

The Chairman thanked Mr. McConnell and his students for their presentation.

Accountability Framework – School Plans Presentation

The Superintendent advised that the new Accountability Framework from the Ministry of Education comes into effect on July 1, 2015. He reviewed the seven guiding principles and noted the new framework replaces existing legislative requirement such as Achievement Contracts, Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement, District Literacy Plans and School Planning Councils. He also reminded Trustees of the upcoming School Plan presentations to take place on June 16th and June 18th.

Enhancement Agreement 2015/2016 Annual Plan

The Superintendent provided a copy and reviewed in detail, the 2015/2016 Enhancement Agreement Annual Plan.

Local Education Agreement Update

The Superintendent advised of the successful negotiation of the Local Education Agreement with Lower Nicola Indian Band (LNIB). He noted that approval by the LNIB council will not take place until the summer.

15/090 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval in principle be given to the Local Education Agreement negotiated with Lower Nicola Indian Band.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board/Authority Authorized Course

The Superintendent provided an overview of the proposed Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course, Fundamental Russian 12, from South Central Interior Distance Education School.

15/091 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for Fundamental Russian 12 as a Board/Authority Authorized Course.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees

The Superintendent recommended a letter be given to each of the Grade 12 student Trustees thanking them for their service. In addition, he recommended providing the outgoing grade 12 student Trustees with their iPad mini. He noted that asking for feedback and input with some probing type questions, would be helpful as well.

15/092 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the Grade 12 Student Trustees to keep their iPad mini's.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Field Trips

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

Superintendent's Report

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

- District Pow Wow
- District track meet
- Year-end school activities
- Pacific Sport Activity results
- Princeton Literacy race
- Diamond Vale sports day
- District canoe project
- First Nations, MSS, PSS and SCIDES/KLC graduations
- AAC meeting budget recently approved.

The Superintendent advised that long-time Princeton teacher Deborah Cappos had passed away. He noted the significant differences she made in the lives of students.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Roofing Tenders

The summary of roofing tenders received for Merritt Secondary, Merritt Bench and Nicola-Canford Elementary Schools and Kengard Learning Centre were circulated.

15/93

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the roofing tender received from Thompson Valley Roofing Ltd., in the amount of \$223,965 for the roof replacements of Merritt Secondary, Merritt Bench and Nicola-Canford Elementary Schools and Kengard Learning Centre.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kengard Learning Centre (KLC) Photocopier

The Secretary Treasurer provided information on a photocopier replacement at KLC in the amount of \$3,620.99.

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 Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School and SCIDES, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School.

15/094

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board send a letter to Katrina Walder for her 15 years of service on PAC executives.

Other Reports

Chairman Comeau announced that the District has signed a 5-year lease with the Town of Princeton for the Riverside Community Centre.

Trustee Kroeker reported on the long service/retirement teas in Merritt and Trustee Rainer reported on the long service/retirement teas in Princeton.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The George Elliott from the Similkameen News Leader, noted that the paper had received less invites to attend Princeton Secondary School functions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer