

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

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| PRESENT: | Chairman | G. Comeau |
| | Trustees | G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer L. Ward |
| | Superintendent | S. McNiven |
| | Assistant Superintendent | C. Perkins |
| | Secretary Treasurer | K. Black |
| | Assistant Secretary Treasurer | L. Lutter |

AGENDA

15/127 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

15/128 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held September 16, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Trades Presentation

Alison Kuzio, Vice Principal at Merritt Secondary School and the Trades Coordinator for the school district along with Lynn Aubin from Princeton Secondary (PSS) and Jeremy Fehst and Colin Underwood, Trades Teachers from

Merritt Secondary (MSS) provided an overview on the trades activities at MSS and PSS.

The school district has partnered with Okanagan College, Thompson Rivers University (TRU) and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology to arrange for MSS and PSS students to train and apprentice in various trades programs such as welding, carpentry, plumbing and electrician. 2014-2015 saw three students from PSS and three from MSS successfully complete their trades programs.

Other activities included the trade students participating in Skills Canada, Digital World of Technology (DWIT) and TRU Spotlight events. Both schools held a parents' information evening session and students gained work experience via local businesses in 2014 – 2015.

The goals for MSS and PSS for 2015 – 2016 include a continuation of the above-mentioned activities with a focus on increasing awareness of the trade training opportunities. A career day is planned at PSS and a Try a Trade day will be held at MSS specifically focusing on Grade 7. To increase the numbers of students enrolling in trades, increase connections with local communities to develop new sponsors for the work experience program and to focus on technologies used in trades.

Enrolment Update

The Superintendent advised that currently the District is up 77 students at the elementary level and 47 students at SCIDES. He also noted that the District is down in FTE at the high school level. He noted that with the new MyEducation BC student information system being slower than expected, the District may see an increase as data is entered.

Ministry – Curriculum Support

The Superintendent advised that the Ministry has come to the table with a three-year plan to provide support for the implementation of the new curriculum. He provided an overview of year one

- 10 hours of non-instructional time to be provided;
- A change in the calendar is required;
- Provincial framework for the days will be developed by the Ministry and the Union.

Support Staff LIF Update

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the District and CUPE have agreed on the allocation of the SSLIF for the 2015/2016 school year. He advised that the funding allocation of \$100,726 will be used to support two EA positions; one at Merritt Secondary School providing support to the grade eight and nine team and the other position to support literacy and numeracy at the elementary level. He noted approximately 750 hours will be provided for Education Assistant meeting time and a small allotment will be provided for innovative practices.

Remembrance Day

The Chairman advised that Remembrance Day is approaching and historically, the Board has had a Trustee together with a Student Trustee; present a wreath at each community's services. It was agreed that Trustee Rainer and a Student Trustee would present a wreath for Princeton and the Superintendent or a Trustee and a Student Trustee would present a wreath in Merritt.

Field Trips

The list of approved field trips was circulated for review.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided an update of the following activities in the district.

- Princeton and Merritt Welcome Dinners were well attended;
- Upper Nicola Local Education Agreement was signed (action items will be distributed to schools);
- Vermilion Forks Elementary will be attending this year's BC Lions Skills for Life Summit;
- 28 teachers and Administration are participating in the District Inquiry Projects;
- School teams will be attending a POPFASD in-service;
- Upgrade of the House of Honour grounds are in progress;
- Classroom furniture distributed;
- John Allison Elementary School Garden Harvest was a success;
- Terry Fox runs took place across the district.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

LINKS Update

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the LINKS funding for the 2015/2016 school year.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Draft Policy No. 508 – Restraint and Seclusion

The Chairman noted the current policy regarding approving policies is outdated. He advised that when the Board met every two weeks this policy would have been effective.

15/129 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board makes Draft Policy No. 508 – Restraint and Seclusion the first reading and deviate from policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15/130 It was moved and seconded:

THAT first reading of Policy No. 508 – Restraint and Seclusion be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was consensus that Policy No. 508 – Restraint and Seclusion, be brought back to the next Regular meeting for second and final reading, subject to no requests for amendment.

Revised Policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace

The Superintendent reviewed the revised policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace.

15/131 It was moved and seconded:

THAT first reading of Revised Policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Princeton School Liaisons

It was noted the Trustee Ward will attend the Princeton Secondary School PAC, Trustee Rainer will attend the Vermilion Forks PAC, and Chairman Comeau will attend the John Allison PAC.

Student Trustees

The Superintendent noted that Student Trustee Douglas sends her regrets. He advised that the process for the second Student Trustee in Princeton is not yet completed. He noted that Student Trustees in Merritt are Cohen McCormack and Rahul Chhabra.

P.A.C. Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Diamond Vale, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School and SCIDES and CLC, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School.

Other Reports

Chairman Comeau noted that the Superintendent, Secretary Treasurer and himself will be away on October 21, 22 and 23 in Vancouver for Ministry meeting and the BCPSEA AGM.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees were advised of the 20th anniversary of the Princeton & District Community Skills Centre and the invitation to the open house to be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer