

MINUTES

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

*PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016, 6:00 P.M.*

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	M. Brodie
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Perkins
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

It was requested that Nicola Lake School be added to the Audit and Finance Committee.

16/151 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

16/152 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held November 16, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Vermilion Forks Elementary School

Student Trustee Brodie introduced two students from Vermilion Forks Elementary School. The students provided an overview of their passion projects that they have been working on. The Chairman thanked teachers Fame Mackney and Shanna Nelson for their educational support.

Presentation: Princeton Secondary School

Student Trustee Brodie introduced two students from Princeton Secondary School who shared a number of projects they have been working on. These included studying the disease rubella and looking at the history of the French revolution. Both students had a poster entitled a "Snapshot of ...". The students also spoke to their upcoming passion projects, one was looking at wedding planning and the other was preparing a cookbook with family recipes.

Enhancement Agreement Update

The Superintendent noted that, although an Enhancement Agreement is no longer required, it is work that is important to the district. He provided an update of the meetings that have taken place across various communities.

Enhancing Learning Plan Presentation

The Superintendent brought forward the recommendation to have schools share their Enhancing Learning Plans in a café format near the end of February or beginning of March. He stated that this would be an opportunity for schools to share something they are proud of, discuss data and highlight their goals for moving forward. More information and details will be provided.

2017/2018 Draft School Calendar

The Superintendent reviewed the Draft 2017/2018 School Calendar and noted that there are 184 days in session with 7 non-instructional days. He also noted that a two-week Spring Break is being proposed.

It was agreed that the Draft Calendar would go out to stakeholders for feedback and brought back to the January meeting with any changes for final approval.

Field Trips

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

Superintendent's Report

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

- Support staff

- Support staff
 - o Bus drivers
 - o Snow removal
- Indoor options for students
 - o General rule is -15 does not mean students must be inside but space is available.
- Holiday events
 - o Concerts
 - o Breakfasts
 - o Socials
 - o Celebrations
 - o Giving
- Athletics
 - o Volleyball has come to an end
 - o Basketball is now up and running
- Professional learning
 - o Learning Forward conference
 - o Coding for all grade 5s
 - o Safe School response to Trauma
 - o VTRA Level 3-12
 - o BCSSA regional forum
 - Library commons
 - Enhancing learning
 - Inquiry

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Economic Stability Dividend (ESD)

The Superintendent advised that the provinces GDP grew by 3.3% with a forecast of 2.6%. The difference of 0.7% translated into an 0.35% wage increase to unionized provincial public sector employees. He noted this increase will take place May 2017.

Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF)

The Chairman advised the MLA Linda Larson, has been charged with reviewing the REEF and noted that a four-question survey is available for filing in. The Chairman asked that Senior staff review the survey as well.

Nicola Lake School

The Secretary Treasurer advised that two offers have been received for the Nicola Lake school.

It was decided that Senior staff begin the process of getting ministerial approval to sell the property.

POLICY COMMITTEE**Draft Policy No. 205.2 – Trustee Professional Development**

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 205.2, Trustee Professional Development be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

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

Student Trustee Report

The Student Trustee reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School.

Other Reports

Trustee Ward spoke to a working group around the BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting.

Trustee Swan provided an update of the International Learning Forward conference.

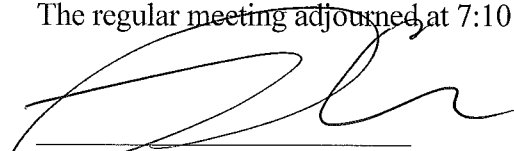
2017 Board Meeting Dates

The list of Board meeting dates for 2017 was circulated and approved as follows:


January 18, 2017	Merritt
February 8, 2017	Princeton
March 8, 2017	Merritt
April 12, 2017	Princeton
May 10, 2017	Merritt
June 7, 2017	Princeton

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer