

**MINUTES**

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

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

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**AGENDA**

It was requested that the John Allison Sidewalks be added to the agenda.

16/031 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

16/032 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 13, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Youth Parliament Presentation**

The Superintendent introduced Patrick Kaiser, Principal for Princeton Secondary School, who provided an overview of the British Columbia Youth Parliament application process. As well, Mr. Kaiser thanked the Town of Princeton for their financial support with the program.

Mr. Kaiser introduced Princeton Secondary School student Isabella Brodie who shared her experience in Victoria at the British Columbia Youth Parliament.

### **Presentation – PSS Europe Trip 2017**

The Superintendent introduced Ian Tisdale, Vice Principal for Princeton Secondary, who provided an overview of the upcoming Europe trip planned for spring break 2017.

16/033 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval in principle be given for the Princeton Secondary School Europe field trip for spring break 2017.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2016/2017 School Calendar**

The Superintendent noted that there was no stakeholder feedback received, therefore, he recommended approval of the calendar as presented.

16/034 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the 2016/2017 calendar as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Fair Play (Spectator/Participants Signs)**

The Superintendent reviewed the draft fair play signs for spectators and participants. He noted he is encouraging stakeholder feedback.

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

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the proposed list of Board/Authority Authorized courses that has been developed by Merritt Secondary School. Should the Board approve these courses, they will be submitted to the Graduation Standards Division of the Ministry of Education for review and final approval prior to implementation.

16/035

It was moved and seconded

THAT approval be given for the following Board/Authority Authorized courses as developed by Merritt Secondary School:

- Aboriginal Leadership 10, 11, 12
- Adventure Tourism 11/12
- Basketball 10, 11, 12
- Cosmetology 12
- Early Childhood Education 12
- Essentials of Fire Fighting 12
- First Nations Home Economics 9 – 12
- Fitness & Conditioning 11/12
- Learning Strategies 10/11
- Peer Tutoring 10, 11, 12
- Theatre, Cinema and Film Production 12
- Hockey Academy 10 - 12

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Hockey Academy Update**

The Superintendent provided an update on the Merritt Secondary School Hockey Academy. He noted that currently, 23 students have registered and paid their fees. He advised that a teacher at Merritt Secondary School has been selected to run the educational component of the program and advised the Principal is working on a partnership with the City.

### **Field Trips**

The Superintendent approved field trips were circulated for review.

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- A joint meeting took place with the Board and the Local Chiefs
- An Elders luncheon
- The Lower Nicola Local Education Agreement signing
- MSS band concert
- Curriculum implementation day
- School PAC meeting visits / DPAC information
- Second semester – secondary report cards distributed
- Culture Camp scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>
- Elementary and secondary basketball
- Professional Learning calendar has been updated.
- Science Fairs at all elementary schools and PSS
- MSS student voice report

**John Allison Sidewalks**

The Chairman asked if a response has been received from the Town of Princeton regarding the John Allison sidewalk letter.

The Secretary Treasurer noted that a response has not been received to date.

**POLICY****Policy No. 203.1 – Policy Making Development & Adoption Procedures**

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the updates to Policy 203.1 Policy Making Development & Adoption Procedures.

16/036 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 203.1 – Policy Making Development & Adoption Procedures be read a first time and circulated to stakeholders for feedback.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Policy No. 1004.1 – Public Use of School Facilities – Schedule A**

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the proposed updates to the Schedule A in Policy No. 1004.1 – Public Use of School Facilities.

16/037 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 1004.1 – Public Use of School Facilities Schedule A be read a first time and circulated to stakeholders for feedback.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Policy No. 507.1 – Discrimination**

The Superintendent reviewed the suggested changes brought forward by stakeholders. He noted that after review with the Policy Committee, it was determined that the two small changes did not change the intent, application or spirit of the policy and recommended the policy receive third and final reading.

16/038 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 507.1 – Discrimination, be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **FINANCE**

### **2015/2016 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw**

The Secretary Treasurer circulated copies of the 2015/2016 Amended Annual Budget. He reviewed the major changes from the Annual budget versus the Amended Annual budget.

16/039 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2015/2016 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$30,297,457 be read a first and second time.

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

16/040 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2015/2016 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$30,297,457 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **2016/2017 Budget Planning Process**

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the budget planning process for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Diamond Vale Elementary School, Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary School, Trustee Ward for Princeton Secondary School, Trustee Kroeker for Colletville Elementary School, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, and Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School.

### **Other Reports**

The Vice Chairman noted that the BC Budget for 2016 will be reported on February 16<sup>th</sup> in the House of Commons. He further noted that the Provincial Council representative assembly takes place on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Douglas reported the leadership class started selling candy grams for Valentines; work has started on the colour run and she advised of an upcoming ski trip at Apex Alpine Mountain Ski Resort.

Student Trustee White reported that senior boys and girls basketball teams attended a tournament in Ashcroft which included Merritt and Osoyoos as well.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The BCSTA Call for Motions was circulated for information.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Reporter Dawn Johnson asked for clarification on the Princeton science fair. It was noted that February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> were the dates of the science fair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary Treasurer