

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016, 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 M. White
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black

AGENDA

16/095 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

16/096 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held May 11, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Science Fair Results

The Superintendent introduced Jett Larsen who provided a review of his National bronze medal science fair project recently held in Montreal.

Bamfield Field Trip

The Superintendent introduced Princeton Secondary School teacher Crystal Larsen and five Princeton Secondary School students, Hannah Gould, Jessica Musgrove, Emily McConnell, Bethany Herting and Zoey Douglas who provided a slideshow presentation from their Bamfield field trip. The Superintendent thanked Ms. Larsen for her commitment to providing enhanced learning opportunities for her students.

Graduation Program and Assessment Update

The Superintendent reported that effective 2016-2017, students will write two provincial assessments before they graduate. He further advised that Career Education will become a requirement effective 2017-2018 replacing Planning 10 and Grad Transitions.

He noted that the renewed grade 10-12 curriculum will be available for teachers and students in draft form in September 2016. Teachers will have the option to use the draft next year with full implementation to take place in September 2017.

He advised that provincial exams for Science 10 and Socials 11 and equivalents will no longer be done. Classroom assessment will be used in place of the provincial exams with two provincial assessments to focus on literacy and math skills instead of five individual provincial exams. He informed that there are no changes to the Language Arts 12 provincial exam and equivalents.

Health Road Show

The Board Chair noted that he and senior staff recently attended the Health Road Show in both Merritt and Princeton. The purpose was to provide up and coming health care professionals an opportunity to see rural communities and provide trade shows stations for students at schools.

Student Trustees

The Superintendent recognized Student Trustees Zoey Douglas and Cohen McCormack for their service to the Board and the district.

Field Trips

The Superintendent informed that Princeton Secondary School is in the process of planning a field trip to Europe in 2017 and will be requesting that SCIDES students join them. He further noted that Merritt Secondary School Girls Rugby Team is planning a field trip to New Zealand in March 2017 to be combined with NorKam Secondary School in Kamloops.

Further information on both field trips will be brought forward to a future board meeting for approval in principal.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Literacy Race
- School District Pow Wow
- Inquiry Projects
- Battle of the Books
- District Track Meet
- Provincials
 - Girls Rugby
 - Track and Field
 - Golf
- Education Fund (\$400,000 of Teaching Support / \$300,000 Allocated)
- Recognition Teas
- Graduation Ceremonies (FN, KLC, SCIDES, MSS, PSS)
- Year-end trips and activities

FINANCE

Administrative Savings

The Secretary Treasurer noted the district has been advised the 2016/2017 portion of the administrative savings has been removed. He noted this amount is indefinite as per the Minister of Education, and would mean a \$122,301 reduction in expenses for the coming year.

Annual Capital Plan Update

The Secretary Treasurer noted that both Princeton and Merritt Secondary Schools have been approved for the following capital funding:

Project	Funding
Princeton Secondary HVAC replacement	Phase I - \$400,000
Merritt Secondary Lighting upgrade	Unknown at this time

Capital Project Bylaw Policy Change

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the Bylaw process is being changed to enable the Board to approve one Bylaw for an Annual Capital Plan rather than approving one Bylaw for each envelope of funding.

The new process will be as follows:

1. The Board prepares and submits an approved Annual Capital Plan;
2. The Ministry receives and approves, with or without modification;
3. The Board passes a Bylaw adopting the Ministry's approved plan.

OPERATIONS

CMS Pathway

After extensive discussion, full closure of the CMS pathway was ruled against.

16/097

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board direct Senior Staff to put up a barrier on the CMS pathway that discourages wheel traffic and to erect signage to use at your own risk; and

THAT permission from the City of Merritt be obtained to install the barrier should it need to be on City property.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Diamond Vale and Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary School and Merritt Bench Elementary School, Trustee Ward for Princeton Secondary School, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, and Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School and Community Learning Centre.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Douglas reported that the drama class performed their Monsters in My Head play, the Color My Rad run will take place on June 18th, and grad festivities are approaching with Gatsby being the theme.

Student Trustee White reported on the third place finish at Provincials for the high school golf team.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received acknowledging Burt Bergmann's participation at the 2016 Canada-Wide Science Festival in Montreal, Quebec.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer