

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	R. Chhabra C. McCormack
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Perkins
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

16/081 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

16/082 It was moved and seconded:

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

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Play is the Way

The Superintendent introduced Merritt Central Elementary School Principal Leroy Slanzi who provided an overview of the Play is the Way initiative occurring at schools in Merritt.

Mr. Slanzi noted that Play is the Way is a practical methodology for teaching social and emotional skills using play or games. He noted that detentions are down 62% since the program started at Merritt Central School.

Mr. Slanzi advised of the following program details:

- A unique program of physically interactive games;
- Five guiding concepts that are embedded through classroom activities and serve as a moral compass to help children do what they believe is right as opposed to doing what they are told;
- A specific and empowering self-reflective language that helps children to master their behavior in preparation for a responsible life.

DPAC

The Superintendent introduced DPAC Chairperson Renee Harrison. Ms. Harrison reported on her recent attendance at the BCCPAC annual conference.

She noted her vision for DPAC going forward as being an information hub where information would flow to and from the DPAC to PAC, the parent body BCCPAC as a whole to DPACs to PACs, and School Board of Education to DPAC to PAC.

She also provided the DPAC email address sd58dpac@gmail.com.

Trustee Representatives – Secondary Graduations

The Superintendent noted the trustee representatives are requested for the following graduations:

1. SCIDES
2. Merritt Secondary School
3. First Nations
4. Princeton Secondary School

Chairman Comeau will represent the Board at the SCIDES graduation on June 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Merritt Civic Centre. Trustee Swan will represent the Board at the Merritt Secondary School graduation on June 24, 2016 at the Merritt Arena and Trustee Ellingsen will represent the Board at the First Nations graduation on June 9, 2016 at the Merritt Civic Centre.

Trustees Ward or Rainer will represent the Board at the Princeton Secondary School graduation on June 25, 2016 at Princeton Secondary School.

Human Resources Task List Update

The Superintendent updated Trustees on the recent Motivation Based Interviewing seminar recently attend by senior staff. He noted the emergency planning work that is continuing to take place with the goal of having it completed by the end of the year.

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer advised of the implementation of the electronic leave of absence form for the district. She noted that it is being rolled out in phases with the first phase being the Board office and Operations staff.

Vermilion Forks Elementary Playground

The Secretary Treasurer reported the Vermilion Forks Elementary School playground install is currently in progress with an expected completion date of May 16, 2016.

Field Trips

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

16/083

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the Vermilion Forks Elementary School Grade 7 field trip to Eagle Bay Camp on May 30, 2016 – June 1, 2016 as requested.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent's Report

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

- Teacher mentor program
- Inquiry
- Harvard Instructional Rounds
- Curriculum Implementation
- Supervision for Learning
- Parenting Wisely
- Youth Leadership conference
- Yes2No Wellness Conference
- Soccer, rugby and track and field occurring
- ERASE training level 3
- Culture Camp at Shackan Band
- Battle of the books
- School Track meets
- Learning improvement fund proposals

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Vandalism Report

The Secretary Treasurer noted that the total vandalism to date is \$3,986. He advised the majority of the vandalism activities include broken windows and graffiti. The breakdown is as follows:

Princeton	\$1,020
Merritt	<u>2,966</u>
Total	<u>\$3,986</u>

Vancouver Sun Re: Lead in Water

The Board Chair noted a request from the Vancouver Sun asking the district to provide the work performed to date to ensure adequate water quality. There was consensus the district provide a response.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2016/2017 Annual Budget Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the public process regarding the Annual Budget.

He reviewed the budget and highlighted the 2016/2017 deficit at \$1,489,934. He confirmed that the district will use reserves to fund the deficit for the 2016/2017 year.

16/084 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2016/2017 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$29,214,464 be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

16/085 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2016/2017 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$29,214,464 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

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 and Vermilion Forks, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, and Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School and Community Learning Centre.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Chhabra and McCormack reported on the numerous activities at Merritt Secondary School.

Dates for the Long Service/Retirement Teas

The following dates and times were approved for the long service/retirement teas:

- Princeton, June 6, 2016 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Merritt, June 7, 2016 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Princeton Re: Farmer's Market

The Board Chair responded to the correspondence from the Town of Princeton and indicated they are looking at options for the Farmer's Market.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer