

**MINUTES**

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

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| PRESENT: | Chairman                      | G. Comeau  |
|          | Trustees                      | G. Ellingsen<br>B. Jepsen<br>T. Kroeker<br>D. Rainer<br>G. Swan<br>L. Ward |
|          | Student Trustees              | R. Chhabra<br>T. Thomson   |
|          | Superintendent                | S. McNiven   |
|          | Assistant Superintendent      | C. Perkins   |
|          | Secretary Treasurer           | K. Black   |
|          | Assistant Secretary Treasurer | L. Lutter  |

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**AGENDA**

16/140 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

16/141 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held October 19, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EDUCATION**

### **Presentation: Nicola Valley Agri Park Society**

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Malcolm Lynn, President of the Nicola Valley Agri Park Society. Mr. Lynn introduced the Operations Manager, Doug Clark and Society member Liz Laird.

Mr. Lynn noted, on behalf of the Nicola Valley Agri Park Society, he was there to request a long term lease of the Nicola Lake School and a letter of intent from the District to lease the property. He reported that 25% of funding would be coming from the Provincial government with 75% coming from the Federal government.

Trustee Jepsen noted that the school property has been advertised and should the Society wish to lease the property, to send an offer to the District with a lease term and any conditions or provisions. It was determined that the Nicola Valley Agri Park Society would send an offer to the Secretary Treasurer within a seven-day period.

Trustee Swan noted there were no lease amounts in the business plan. Mr. Lynn advised this is due to the Society still securing a location.

Trustee Rainer inquired about the sewer for the RV site. Mr. Lynn noted this will be on the adjacent property.

Ms. Laird asked if the Board would look more favorably at the lease due to the fact that the purpose would be for educational usage. Chairman Comeau noted that individual Trustees would have their own views and this would be discussed after the proposal is received from the Society.

### **Presentation: BC Student Leadership Conference**

Student Trustee Thompson introduced five students that attended the BC Student Leadership Conference (BCSLC). The group provided an overview of their conference and expressed gratitude for having the opportunity to go to such an inspiring event.

### **Presentation: Hockey Academy**

Student Trustee Chhabra introduced two students from the Merritt Secondary School Hockey Academy who provided an update of the Hockey Academy.

### **Enrollment / Class Size Update**

The Superintendent provided an overview of the class size averages at the Kindergarten, primary, intermediate and secondary levels. He also provided opportunities for questions regarding class configurations.

### **Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting Update**

The Superintendent provided a draft agenda for review.

### **Fentanyl Response Plan**

The Superintendent noted that the district has purchased naloxone kits and training of staff will be provided by public health. He indicated education and awareness will be provided to students. It was suggested to review the Anaphylactic Policy in relation to this work.

### **Field Trips**

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

### **Principal Survey/Research**

The Superintendent advised a research survey request for Principals based on leadership was received from BCSSA and Thompson Rivers University. He added this was strictly on a volunteer basis.

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for Principals to participate in the BCSSA/ TRU survey on a volunteer basis.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- Student Voice
- BC Lions Life Skills Summit
- Teacher mentorship training
- Culture camp at Nooaitch
- Student voice segment will be replacing student of the week
- Reports cards go out this week
- New curriculum breakfasts at John Allison and Diamond Vale
- Student inquiry grants going out

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

#### **Final Reading Policy No. 204.3 and 502.2**

The Superintendent advised that no additional feedback was received on draft Policy No. 204.3 and 502.2.

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 204.3 – Committees and Representative Function, and Policy No. 502.2 – Maintenance of Order and Protection of Students - Section 177, be read a third and final time, finally passed and adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary School and Diamond Vale Elementary School and Merritt Bench Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for Princeton Secondary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School and SCIDES, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary, and Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School and District Parent Advisory (DPAC).

**Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Chhabra and Thompson thanked Trustees for being included in the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The Student Trustees reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School.


**Other Reports**

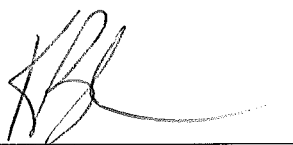
Trustee Rainer provided an overview of the recent BCSTA Provincial Councillor meeting held at the end of October. He reviewed the motions that were passed and indicated that one was deferred to the BCSTA AGM. He further reported on the discussion with the Assistant Deputy Minister George Farkas, regarding funding and a potential new funding model.

The Chair updated Trustees on the recent BCPSEA meeting which included bargaining information, exempt staff, and health and wellness professional development. He also provided an update on the recent Board Chairs meeting with Deputy Minister Dave Byng.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary Treasurer