

**MINUTES**

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

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

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**AGENDA**

16/128 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

16/129 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held September 21, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Presentation – Bridge/PSS Shop Project**

Student Trustee Brodie introduced teacher Andy Jonas and four students from the Bridge shop class. Mr. Jonas and his students provided an overview of the trades work they are doing in the shops at Princeton Secondary School.

### **Enrolment Update**

The Superintendent reviewed the enrolment projection and noted that overall, the District is up by 46.5 students from spring projections and 27.25 from September 2015.

September 2015	2,078.25
Spring 2016	2,059.00
September 2016	2,105.50

### **Remembrance Day**

Student Trustee Mike White advised that he and Student Trustee Brodie are available to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Chairman noted the Board has had a Trustee attend with the Student Trustee(s) in the past. It was agreed that Trustee Ward and both Student Trustees would present the wreath for Princeton and Trustee Swan and a Student Trustee would present the wreath and take part in the parade in Merritt. Trustee Ellingsen would present the wreath at the Shulus ceremony.

### **Physical Activity Research**

The Superintendent provided information on a research request by the Physical Activity Lab at the University of British Columbia. Permission to participate in the study, which is focused on the transportation, independent mobility and physical activity among school children, was requested by a grade six class at Diamond Vale Elementary School. Board approval was requested and provided.

### **Meeting with City of Merritt**

The Superintendent asked for any agenda items for the City of Merritt potential meeting. It was suggested that should a meeting take place it be at the school board office. It was suggested to contact the City of Merritt to see if they would like a meeting.

### **Meeting with Local Chiefs**

The Superintendent noted the proposed date for the annual meeting with the Local Chiefs is January 24, 2017. An invitation will be sent out.

### **BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting**

The Superintendent reminded Trustees that Merritt will be hosting the BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting on February 24 & 25, 2017.

Trustee Brodie discussed bringing forward flex block versus advisory blocks as a potential topic. It was also noted that the Schools Protection program has offered to do an Enterprise Risk Management 101.

In addition, the Public Sector Employer Council (PSEC) requested to attend the Branch meeting to provide an update on the Executive Compensation.

### **Field Trips**

The Superintendent provided information regarding the proposed New Zealand rugby field trip being planned for spring break 2017. He noted that Merritt Secondary will be doing a joint trip with the Kamloops School district.

### **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent report on the following activates:

- Professional Learning
  - Middle Years and New Curriculum
  - New Curriculum and Assessment
  - Orientations (new teachers, TICs, TTOCs)
  - Mentoring
  - VTRA Level 2
  - Trades and Careers
- Orange Shirt Day
- Traditional Games
- First Nations Welcome Dinners
- Open Houses for KLC, NCE & MBE
- Parent Breakfasts
- Breaking Down the Walls
- Sports activates
- Enhancing Learning Committee meeting

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **Five Year Capital Plan**

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Five-Year Capital Plan totalling \$1,564,000 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**LINKS Update**

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the 2016-2017 LINKS report.

**POLICY COMMITTEE****Policy No. 204.3 – Committees and Representative Function**

16/131 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 204.3 – Committees and Representative Function be read a first and second time and circulated to stakeholders for feedback.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Section 177**

The Superintendent provided information regarding Policy No. 502.2 – Maintenance of Order and Protection of Students - Section 177.

16/132 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 502.2 – Maintenance of Order and Protection of Students - Section 177, be read a first and second time and circulated to stakeholders for feedback.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Annual Review: Policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace**

The annual review of Policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace, was completed with no changes being made.

16/133 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace annual reviewed was completed with no changes being made.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION ITEM:**

That the process regarding bullying and harassment be presented to the Board.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Swan for Diamond Vale, 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 Elementary School.

### **Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustees Brodie and White reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School.

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Superintendent be given discretion to provide support for a student phone at Princeton Secondary School.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Upcoming Provincial Council (PC) Meeting**

Trustee Rainer noted he is attending the PC meeting and reviewed the questions for debate with the Board.

### **Other Reports**

Trustee Ward reported she was involved in a conference call for Thompson Okanagan executive branch.

Trustee Comeau and Trustee Swan attended the BCPSEA symposium.

Trustee Comeau noted that Aboriginal Hoop Dancing was explained at the recent Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting in Gold Trail and board governance was provided as the professional development.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and action taken:

Valley First Community Endowment Fund awarding the district a \$6,500 grant to go towards the Afterschool Club Program;  
 City of Merritt inviting the district's Student Trustees to attend City of Merritt regular Council meetings;  
 BCTF Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services;  
 BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch request for a letter of support regarding elections for fired Boards of Education.

16/135 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board write a letter supporting the request.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

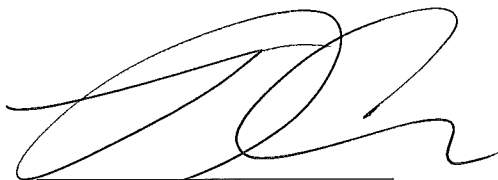
The rationale behind the defeated motion is the Thompson Okanagan Branch should send the motion rather than a individual districts.

The Town of Princeton thanking the district for the invitation to the Welcome Dinner and Social.

Information was also provided regarding a meeting of the Tolko Community Transition Team.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer