

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**

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

AGENDA

17/043 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

17/044 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held February 8, 2017, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: MSS Student Leadership

Student Trustee Chhabra introduced the MSS Student Leadership group Xni Grismer-Voght, Vice Principal Karen Goetz and himself. Mr. Chhabra and Ms. Grismer-Voght provided an update on the student leadership activities in the multi purpose room (MPR). In addition, they gave an update on the new choice block. They noted a metal arts workshop and a homework catch up option and provided some examples that are being explored by students.

Presentation: BCSSA Regional Forum

Student Trustee Chhabra introduced teacher Gareth Tilt. Mr. Tilt provided an overview of the presentation provided at the BCSSA regional forum. He noted that the purpose of the presentation was to provide a high-level overview of how teachers are working on the new curriculum and several exciting items that are going on in the district.

Presentation: GPS on Busses

Student Trustee Chhabra introduced Operations Manager Archie Stogianos who provided an overview of the new GPS unit that will be installed on four district buses that are out of cell service during their routes.

Kindergarten Registration Update

The Superintendent provided an overview of the Kindergarten early registration. He noted the registration is now over but may run an additional advertisement in Princeton as the early enrolment numbers do not match what was projected.

He advised that district registration is currently at 85 which is similar to the prior year at this point. He noted the current Kindergarten numbers are currently at 150 for 2016-2017.

Enrollment Update

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the enrolment projections spreadsheet for 2017/2018. He noted that these numbers will comprise the funding estimated for the 17/18 school year.

District Enhancing Student Plan

The Superintendent provided an update of the enhancing learning work that is taking place across the district and the alignment that is occurring and noted the following URL: https://www.sd58.bc.ca/wordpress/?page_id=4375

Diabetes Canada

The Superintendent noted that the district was contacted by Diabetes Canada to have clothing bins at their schools. He noted that three bins in total will be placed at Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Kengard Learning Centre, and at the former Coquihalla Middle School site.

He noted that each bin will generate \$600 per year with the funds will be provided to each school for their hot lunch program.

It was suggested to contact the Hospital Auxiliary to ensure this will not be a hardship on their program and provide an update to the Board.

Field Trips

The level three Superintendent approved field trip was reviewed for information.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Elementary and secondary school basketball is now completed for both Merritt and Princeton
- Enhancement Agreement consultations continue with Nooaitch and Shackan
- Enhancing Student Learning Café
- Youth Leadership Conference
- Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting
- Rural Education Meeting
- SkillsBC competition results
- Culture Camp Session (Indigenous World view)
- FSA Completion and Marking
- Lieutenant Governors visit

POLICY COMMITTEE

Draft Policy No. 702.2 – Transportation Assistance

17/045

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy 702.2 – Transportation Assistance be read a third and final time, passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2017/2018 Budget Planning Process

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the Budget Planning process and indicated more meetings may occur, however, encourages interested parties to contact him for additional information and the opportunity to discuss the budget in further detail.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary 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.

Student Trustee Report

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

- Parent/teacher interviews
- Course planning for next year
- Grad meeting revote on grad trip, trip will now be going to Revelstoke
- Grad fundraiser at Coldwater restaurant
- Track and field starting up
- Eleven female students are heading to New Zealand for a fifteen day rugby trip
- Arts festival starting up shortly
- New shop equipment purchased
- 3-D printers are in action at the high school
- Seniors vs. Staff events have garnered large student support

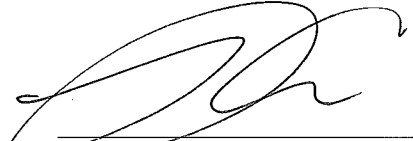
Other Reports

Trustee Rainer noted that member fees for BCSTA may increase slightly for the district to approximately \$208. It was noted that the increase would not occur if the BCSTA actuals were less than budget.


Chairman Comeau provide information on the Rural Education meeting in Kamloops.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer