

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer 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

It was requested that the Canadian Diabetes Association and John Allison School Portable be added to the Operations Committee.

17/071 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

17/072 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 12, 2017, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Mobile Maker Trailer

Student Trustees Rahul Chhabra and Tyler Thomson introduced Vice Principal of Merritt Secondary School Kevin McGifford. Mr. McGifford provided an overview of the Mobile Maker Trailer.

MSS grade 8 student Zach Loewen provided an overview of the robotics work taking place at the school.

MSS grade 12 student Wyatt McDonald provided an overview of how he got into the carpentry trade. He advised he received a gold medal for carpentry at the Regionals in Kamloops and a gold medal at the Provincials in Abbotsford. He will be attending the Nationals in Winnipeg at the end of May.

Presentation: Attendance Health and Wellness:

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Shari Featherstone, Attendance Wellness Consultant with the Okanagan Labour Relations Council. Ms. Featherstone noted that she has provided service to five school districts in the Thompson-Okanagan Region and gave an overview of the Attendance Health and Wellness work she has done to date.

Trustee Representatives – Secondary School 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

It was determined that:

- Trustee Kroeker would represent the Board at the SCIDES graduation on June 20, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Merritt Civic Centre;
- Trustee Swan and Student Trustee Thomson would represent the Board at the Merritt Secondary School graduation on June 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Merritt Arena;
- Trustee Ellingsen would represent the Board at the First Nations graduation on June 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Merritt Civic Centre; and
- Trustee Ward and Student Trustee Brodie would represent the Board at the Princeton Secondary School graduation on June 24, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Princeton Secondary School.

Strategic Plan Review – Date and Process

The Superintendent provided an update on the Strategic Plan review. There was consensus that it be added to the Committee of the Whole meeting June 26, 2017.

Field Trips

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

Superintendent's Report

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

- Fine Arts Festival at both ends of the district
- Track and Field
- Rugby Provincials
- Soccer
- Wyatt McDonald heading off to Nationals
- Trustee Swan as President of the BCSTSA
- Election BC - student vote across the district
- Enhancing learning framework regional meeting
- Staffing, hiring
- Play based learning

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2017 / 2018 Annual Facility Grant (AFG)

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the proposed AFG plan of \$442,000 and further noted the remaining AFG operating total should be at \$60,000. He advised the main purpose of AFG is for maintaining buildings, grounds, walkways and parking lots. Requests from each school are submitted to the Operations Manager who will prepare a plan to review with the Operations Committee.

17/073

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the district to move forward with the AFG plan to spend of \$442,000.

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Vandalism Report

The Secretary Treasurer noted that total vandalism to date is sitting at \$1,396. He advised that most of the vandalism activities included broken windows and graffiti. The breakdown for the district is as follows:

	2015-2016	2016-2017
Princeton	\$ 1,945	\$ Zero
Merritt	1,345	1,396
Total	\$ 3,290	\$ 1,396

Nicola Lake School Update

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Ministry has granted approval for the School District to dispose of the Nicola Lake School. He noted the next steps will be to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the four brokers in Merritt. He advised once a broker is selected, a price will be assigned to the property and bids will be accepted for a specified period.

Canadian Diabetes Association

The Superintendent noted the Canadian Diabetes Association clothing bins will be removed by June 30, 2017.

John Allison School Portable

The Superintendent reported that the district put forward a proposal to obtain one portable for John Allison school. He noted the district will not be advised if they qualify for funding until the Ministry has reviewed all submissions. He recommended the district move forward with the ordering of the portable and use Local Capital funds should the Ministry not approve the submission. He noted a quote is coming, however, the current estimate for a wet portable fully installed is \$150,000 not including furniture.

17/074

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for senior staff to move forward with the ordering of a portable for John Allison Elementary School with a budget of \$150,000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Rainer for Princeton Secondary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School and SCIDES, and Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School.

Student Trustee Report

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

2017/2018 Student Trustee Selection

Chairman Comeau was asked to participate in the Student Trustee interviews.

Other Reports

Chairman Comeau noted that Vice Chairman Swan was recently elected as the BCSTA President at the recent AGM.

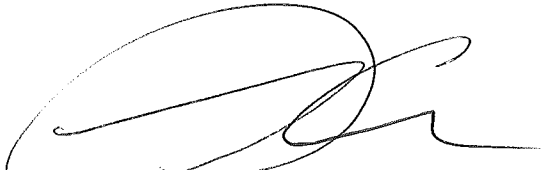
Dates for Long Service/Retirement Teas

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

- Princeton, June 5, 2017 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Merritt, June 6, 2017 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Chairman

Secretary Treasurer