

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017, 6:10 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	C. Davey T. Thomson
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
	Executive Assistant	J. Yakimchuk

AGENDA

17/100 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

17/101 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held June 7 & June 26, 2017, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

The Board Chair introduced and welcomed Student Trustees Carter Davey and Tyler Thomson.

Trustee Rainer inquired about the tuition free adult education and whether the government was providing funding. The Superintendent confirmed they are.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation – Colletville Elementary School

The Superintendent introduced Rene Aubin, Principal of Colletville Elementary School and teachers Nicolas Crepet and Line Vachon. They provided an overview of the positive initiatives happening at the school, some of the challenges, and looking forward.

Mr. Crepet provided an overview of the proposed field trip to Quebec for the Quebec Winter Festival and the fundraising that has taken place to date.

Presentation – Summer Institute

The Superintendent introduced Bruce Bidney, Principal, Kevin McGifford and Gian Cavaliere, Vice Principals of Merritt Secondary School, Mr. Bidney reviewed the focus on mental health for the school based professional development held at Corbett Lake, which involved the entire staff.

The Superintendent acknowledged Lindsay deVisser for all her hard work organizing summer institute for the district.

Ministry of Education Update

The Assistant Superintendent provided an updated on the Ministry from the recent Superintendents' Association meeting. He reviewed the new organization of the Ministry, drivers for student success, changes in education and the science of learning.

Preliminary Enrolment

The Superintendent advised that the preliminary enrollment is fairly stable, with minor changes.

Field Trips

The Superintendent provided information regarding Superintendent approved field trips and provided information on the proposed Colletville Elementary School field trip to Quebec in January.

17/102

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Collettsville Elementary School field trip to the Quebec City on January 31 to February 5, 2018, be approved subject to Board policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported on the following items:

- Staffing changes
- Upcoming DPAC meeting
- Welcoming Dinner on September 28th at Merritt Secondary School
- Welcoming Dinner in Princeton October 5th
- First Culture camp to be held at Upper Nicola
- Summer Institute
- Teacher mentorship program
- New teacher orientation

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Nicola Lake School

The Secretary Treasurer provided information on the selection of a realtor for the sale of the Nicola Lake School property. He advised that Century 21 Moving Real Estate has been selected as the realtor and has listed the property at \$450,000.

Summer Projects – Operations Update

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Operations Manager Darrell Finnigan who gave an overview of the district's summer projects. These included the new HVAC system at Princeton Secondary School, new portables at John Allison Elementary, painting, sidewalks, stairs and roofing to name a few.

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Chris Kelley, Auditor for the district. He reviewed the financial statements and talked specifically on the Auditor's Report. He concluded that the district/s financial statements were in good order.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Kelley for his work on the financial statements.

17/103 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Audited Financial Statements for School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aboriginal Education Under Expenditure

17/104 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the underexpenditure of the 2016-2017 targeted Aboriginal funds in the amount of \$138,989 to be carried forward to the 2017-2018 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy No. 805.1 – Reserve Policy

The Secretary Treasurer provided a back ground of Policy No. 805.1 – Reserve Policy.

17/105 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 805.1 – Reserve Policy be read a first time and circulated to stakeholders for feedback.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

PAC Representative Assignments

School PAC representatives were confirmed for 2017-2018 school year:

- Colletville Elementary – Trustee Krocker
- Diamond Vale Elementary – Trustee Jepsen
- Merritt Bench Elementary – Trustee Swan
- Merritt Central Elementary – Trustee Jepsen
- Merritt Secondary School – Gordon Swan
- Nicola-Canford Elementary - Trustee Ellingsen
- SCIDES – Tim Krocker

- John Allison Elementary – Trustee Rainer
- Princeton Secondary School – Trustee Comeau
- Vermilion Forks Elementary – Trustee Ward

PAC Reports

Trustee Jepsen provided a report on the Merritt Bench and Diamond Vale Elementary School PAC meetings.

Student Trustee Report

The Student Trustee Davey reported on recent sporting events at Merritt Secondary School. Trustee Thomson reported on CALM, which is their reading block, and their Collab block.

Other Reports

Trustee Ward and Trustee Rainer attended a presentation at PSS and gave information on the presentation.

Non-Sexist Environment

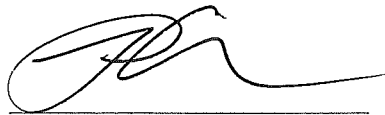
The Board Chair read the district's non-sexist environment communique.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Terry Fox Foundation thanking the District for their support and contributions.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer