

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**

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

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AGENDA

17/138 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

17/139 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held November 8, 2017, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Presentation:**

#### **2018/2019 Draft Calendar**

#### **Strong Start - NLK**

#### **Field Trips**

14/140

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Vermilion Forks Elementary outdoor camping field trip to Tappen, BC, on May 28 – 30, 2018 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent reported on the following activities happening in the district:

- DPAC;
- SOGI district wide team meeting;
- Dual credit course Health Care Assistant being offered with NVIT;
- Position at The Bridge filled;
- Basketball season beginning;
- Success of first MSS Lacrosse team;
- Christmas concerts happening in the district.

## **AUDIT AND FINANCE**

### **Appointment of Auditors**

Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided the background of the Bank of Montreal purchase cards and the need for the revised signing authority.

17/141

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Bank of Montreal signing authority resolution appointing the Chair, Secretary Treasurer, Superintendent and Trustee Kroeker, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BCPSEA - Economic Stability Dividend 2018**

The Secretary Treasurer provided information on the Economic Stability Dividend and noted that the BC economy grew by 3.5% which affords the BCTF and CUPE to be eligible for wage increases as per their Collective Agreements, effective May 1, 2018.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Policy Removals:**

- 402.1 – Recruitment / Hiring Practice – Teachers
- 404.5 – Student Laboratory Assistants
- 406.3 – Accidents
- 501.1 – Student Attendance
- 905.1 – Teacherage Rentals
- 1004.3 – Resource Centre Services to the Public
- 1006 – School Planning Councils

The Superintendent provided information on the rationale for removing these policies, which varied from the district no longer having a particular building or the program no longer exists. There was consensus to start the public process for removing the policies which involves notifying stakeholders for review and feedback. It was agreed that Policy No. 501.1 - Student Attendance would not be removed at this time, but would be referred to the Policy Committee.

**Final Reading Policy No. 805.1 - Contingency Reserve**

17/142

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 805.1 – Contingency Reserve be read a third time, final passed and adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Annual Facility Grant (AFG)**

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the Annual Facility Grant and summarized what has been provided, what has been spent and the remaining amount for projects on the go forward.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

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

### **Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Brodie reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School.

He noted that several students had expressed their concern regarding bussing for in town bussing stops to Princeton Secondary School. The Chairman explained the impact to the district when changing the policy to include bussing to persons within the walk limits. He advised that it didn't just impact Princeton, but the district as a whole.

### **Other Reports – BCSTA Trustee Academy**

The Chairman reported on the keynote speaker's presentation at the Academy on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI). Trustee Rainer reported on the self-motivated kids presentation.

### **2018 Board Meeting Dates**

There was consensus that the following proposed meeting dates be approved:

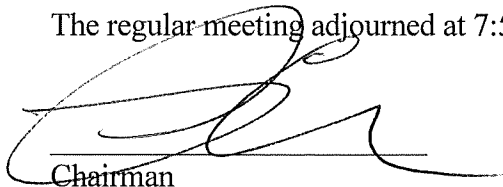
January 17, 2018	Merritt
February 14, 2018	Princeton
March 14, 2018	Merritt
April 11, 2018	Princeton
May 9, 2018	Merritt
June 13, 2018	Princeton

### **Provincial Council Important Dates**

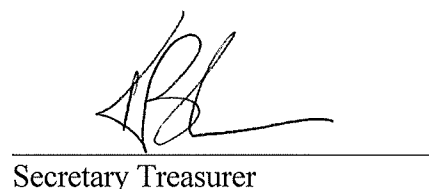
Trustee Swan reviewed the upcoming important dates for motions for BCSTA.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer