

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer L. Ward G. Swan
	Student Trustees	Marcus Brodie Sylvie Druck
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

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**AGENDA**

18/057 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

18/058 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 14, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Virtual Field Trips**

Principal Barry Clarke and Teacher Alison Harris-Goodall from Vermilion Forks Elementary School presented on their participation in the Virtual Field Trip program. They would like to see more exposure to the program for students to expand their learning opportunities. Principal Clarke thanks the board staff for assisting with the launch of the program.

### **Presentation: Local Education Agreement Signing**

Presentation on the Local Education Agreement has been postponed. The signing is to take place at a later date.

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- Wrapped up two-week spring break.
- Regional Science Fair is underway.
- Parent Presentation with Safer Schools on Anxiety happening in Princeton.
- Princeton completed a 5000 book recycle
- Grad preparations are in progress.
- Handball tournament.
- Students visited NVIT.
- United Way fundraiser kick-off.
- Budget process.
- Chief Harvey McLeod and Savage Productions presented at MSS.
- Art Festival is on.
- Battle of the Books is happening.
- Enhancing learning cafes.
- Truth and Reconciliation displays at NVIT.

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Annual Facilities Grant**

The Secretary Treasurer discussed the Operations Committee's work on the compilation of playground equipment.

18/059 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Committee will apply for the Universally Accessible Playground grant in the amount of \$105,000.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Playground Review Results**

The Operations Committee met and the recommendations in order of priority for needing a new playground are:

- 1-John Alison Elementary School
- 2-Nicola Canford Elementary School
- 3-Merritt Bench Elementary School

### **Solar Grants**

The Trustee Rainer discussed the new Solar Grant available. He requested that the Operations Committee apply for the funding.

18/060 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Committee show an Expression of Interest and apply for the Solar Grant funding.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Preliminary Funding Comparison**

The Secretary Treasurer distributed and discussed a Summary of Operating Grant Comparisons for Estimated 2018/19 and Interim 2017/18.

### **Budget Process Update**

The Secretary Treasurer discussed the outcome of the April 4 and April 5 Budget Presentations.

**Investments**

The Secretary Treasurer discussed the District's GIC investment.

18/061 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board provide approval to the Assistant Secretary Treasurer to invest using the Central Deposit Program from reserve funds.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Funding Model Review**

The Chair discussed the Funding Model Review meeting will be held on April 13, 2018 in Kamloops. The District will be presenting any concerns at the meeting.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School, Trustee Kroecker for Collettville Elementary School and South Central Interior Distance Education School, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Jepsen for Merritt Central Elementary School, Diamond Vale Elementary School and Merritt Secondary School, Trustee Ward for Princeton Secondary School and Trustee Comeau for Vermilion Forks Elementary School meeting.

**Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Marcus Brodie reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. The Spring Fling Dance was free admission if you participated in the 5000 book recycle. The carpentry division received gold at the Skills Competition. The Grads hosted a bottle drive. Jersey Day to support the Humbolt Broncos. The school changed its school colours. The courtyard is to open soon.

Student Trustee Sylvie Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. First Nations smudges took place along with Grade 11 beading and a soapstone carving class. Harassment Workshop was found to be useful. Students took a trip to a Kamloops Blazers game.

**CORRESPONDENCE****Vermilion Forks Elementary After School Program Grant**

Vermilion Forks Elementary School received a grant of \$5,315.48 for after school programs, breakfast programs and water bottle refill stations.

**Language Culture Program Funding**

The District has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,571 to support development of teaching and student-use learning resources to address Indigenous language learning curriculum and programs.

**Ministry Response to the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2018/19**

The Ministry of Education received a letter from Joel Palmer, Executive Director, confirming that the District will receive funding in the amount of \$210,000 for Merritt Secondary School's SEP – Health and Safety – Dust Collector and \$200,000 for Merritt Secondary's SEP – Building Enclosure – Roof Replacement

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary Treasurer