

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker L. Ward G. Swan
	Student Trustees	Tyler Thompson Carter Davey
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

18/072 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

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THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 11, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Aboriginal Enhanced Agreement Signing

Presentation on the Aboriginal Enhanced Agreement signing was held at the House of Honour. A five-year agreement was signed with the Nicola Similkameen Board of Education and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Metis Association, Coldwater Indian Band, Nooaitch Indian Band, Upper Nicola Indian Band, Conayt Friendship Society, Lower Nicola Indian Band, and the Shackan Indian Band.

Presentation: Merritt Secondary School Learning Commons

Presentation on the Merritt Secondary School and Diamond Vale Elementary School Learning Commons.

Trustee Representatives – Secondary School Graduations

Trustee Ellingsen will attend the First Nations Graduation, Trustee Kroeker will attend the South Central Interior Distance Education Graduation, Gordon Swan will attend the Merritt Secondary School Graduation and Trustee Dave Rainer will attend the Princeton Secondary School Graduation.

Field Trips

Merritt Secondary Fly-tying Club field trip to Lilly Lake, Merritt, BC on June 11, 2018.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Flooding has affected Nicola Canford Elementary School closure, bussing routes, evacuation alerts and emergency preparedness.
- Literacy 20/21.
- Fine Arts Festival.
- John Alison Elementary School receiving funding for a new playground from Province of British Columbia and local fundraising.
- Merritt Secondary School track and field team achievements.
- Professional Development Day on May 18, 2018.
- Snap Numeracy Program in Chilliwack.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School and South Central Interior Distance Education School, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Board Chair Swan for Merritt Secondary School, Trustee Ward for Princeton Secondary School and Trustee Comeau for Vermilion Forks Elementary School meeting.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Tyler Thompson reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. Art Display is up and should be viewed by many. Grad fundraiser and song choices are in the works. A few authors have visited and spoken about their books to students. Battle of the Books tournament is underway. WeCare Crew took part in the We Walk for Water event. A new dust collection system is being installed in the woodshop.

Student Trustee Carter Davey reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. Track and Field meets are happening, and many students are being awarded medals. Female rugby team is currently playing in Provincials. Female soccer team is travelling for competitions as well as the Ultimate Frizbee team.

2018/2019 Student Trustee Selection

The Superintendent distributed a Memo and the Board Chair spoke to the 2018/2019 school year Student Trustee search and guidelines.

Teacher Awards

Trustee Swan spoke to British Columbia Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education. He requested the Board try to nominate teachers from the district in every category.

OTHER REPORTS**Board of Education Stipend Rate Increase**

Trustee Jepsen circulated a chart and discussed increasing the Stipend Rates for Trustees, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board of Education due to the new tax rules for 2019.

18/074

It was moved and seconded:

THAT effective January 1, 2019, the Board of Education Stipend Rates be increased by:

Trustees - \$2,150
 Vice-Chair - \$2,350
 Chair - \$2,550

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

British Columbia School Trustee Association Annual General Meeting

Trustee Ward spoke to the BCSTA AGM that was held on April 26-28, 2018 in Vancouver. Lot of great work took place at the Annual General Meeting, including Board Chair Swan being voted as the BCSTA President.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



 Chairman



 Secretary Treasurer