

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow on the Traditional Territories of the Ne?kepmux and Syilx

PRESENT: Chairman	G. Comeau
Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer L. Ward G. Swan
Student Trustees	C. Davey N. Willey
Superintendent	S. McNiven
Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

18/102 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

18/103 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held June 13, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Assistant Superintendent welcomed back Grade Twelve Student Trustee Carter Davey and welcomed new Grade Eleven Student Trustee Nicolas Willey to the Board.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Trustee Rainer inquired on the status of the EDPlan Insight Program. The Superintendent updated the Board on the progress of the program.

2017/2018 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Chris Kelley, Auditor for the district. The Auditor Chris Kelly distributed and discussed the 2017/2018 Audited Financial Statements. Auditor Kelly presented the Board with 3 financial summary slides and explained the process of assessments taken for this independent audit addressed to the Board and the Minister of Education. The Board Chair thanked Mr. Kelley for his work on the financial statements.

18/104

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2017/2018 Audited Financial Statements for School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Provincial / District Update

The Assistant Superintendent presented the board with an update on the British Columbia School Superintendents Association and the Summer Institute's many powerful and compelling presenters. Highlights of the two summer events were exploring student voice and diversity, student learning structures, and institutional norms and how to break them. There was also a focus on First Peoples Principles Learning Framework for our practice with historical and contemporary driving forces.

Staffing Update

The Superintendent discussed that the vast majority of vacant positions throughout the District have been filled. The Teacher Teaching on Call list is healthy. The Speech Pathologist position remains vacant.

Preliminary Enrolment

The Superintendent distributed a memo and discussed the preliminary student enrolment figures. Distributed Learning will be discussed at the next board meeting in October.

Field Trips

18/105

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Collettsville Elementary School's Grade 7 Authentic Language and Cultural Practice/Exposure field trip to Montreal and Quebec City, QC on February 8 – 13, 2019 be approved.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Recognition that we are on the Traditional Territories of the Nl̓eʔkepmux and Syilx.
- A thank you to the Maintenance Department for their hard work over the summer months.
- A great start to the school year with the British Columbia School Superintendents Association and Summer Institute events.
- Kindergarten was a smooth start.
- All schools have been represented in the EDPlan Insight Program.
- Teacher Teaching on Call orientations are complete.
- New teacher orientations to begin soon.
- Terry Fox Run events were well attended.
- Many students attended the Logger Sports Show.
- Fall sports are underway.
- Great turn-out at the Princeton Teachers Union and Nicola Valley Teachers Union Socials
- First Nations Welcome Dinner to be held on September 27th.
- Literacy 20/21 event to be held September 26th-27th.
- First Nations Culture Camp to be held October 10th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Five-Year Capital Plan

The Secretary Treasurer distributed and discussed the 2019/2020 Five-Year Capital Plan Summary. The School Enhancement Program has five projects, the Carbon Neutral Program has one project and the Playground Equipment Program has three projects.

18/106 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Five-Year Capital Plan Resolution be tabled for the next board meeting in October or at a Special Meeting due to revisions required to the Carbon Neutral Program.

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Summer Projects – Operations Update

The Operations Manager presented on and discussed projects and upgrades completed during the summer months to each school. Also discussed were projects to be completed this coming year.

John Allison Playground

The Superintendent discussed that the new playground for John Allison Elementary School should arrive late fall or early winter and is scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2019.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Aboriginal Education Under Expenditure

The Secretary Treasurer discussed the requirement to carry forward the Targeted Funds for the 2018/2019 School Year and distributed a letter addressed to the Minister of Education to be signed by the Board Chair.

18/107 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the underexpenditure of the 2017-2018 targeted Aboriginal funds in the amount of \$102,858 to be carried forward to the 2018-2019 school year.

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Sale of Nicola Lake School

The Superintendent discussed the sale of the Nicola Lake School and agreed to provide the Board with suggestions from the District on what to do with the use of the proceeds from the sale.

Trustee Elections

The Board Chair discussed the nomination period has officially closed for candidates to submit their documents to run for School Board Trustee. There will be three seats for Merritt, three seats for Princeton and Area H and one seat for Rural Area M and N.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Draft Policies:

The Superintendent distributed a memo and draft policy Smoking/Vaping and the use of Smokeless Tobacco Products and discussed the need to address a consistent code of conduct and messaging across the District.

18/105

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following policy be read for a first time:

- 502.5 – Smoking/Vaping and the Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker for South Central Interior Distance Education School, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Swan for Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary School, Trustee Ward for Princeton Secondary School and Trustee Comeau for Vermilion Forks Elementary School meeting.

2018/2019 Student Trustee Selection

The Superintendent welcomed Nicolas Willey as the new Student Trustee.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Davey reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. The Grade Eight's enjoyed a smooth transition. There are four new teachers, two new First Nations Support Workers and three new Education Assistants. Battle of the Grades is underway. The Terry Fox Run was well attended. New families have been welcomed to Merritt and at Merritt Secondary School.

Student Trustee Willey reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. Girls volleyball team is headed to San Diego. Boys indoor soccer tournament is hopefully confirmed soon. The cross-country team is hopeful to head to Provincials.

OTHER REPORTS

Trustee Ward summarized the Professional Learning Conference for Trustee onboarding on September 8th.

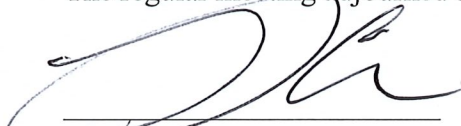
Trustee Comeau reminded the Board of the upcoming DPAC meeting on October 2nd hosted at Merritt Secondary School.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

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



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer