

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 T. Kroeker D. Rainer L. Ward G. Swan
	Student Trustees	S. Druck M. Coyne
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

18/115 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

18/116 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held September 19, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Vermilion Forks Elementary School

Principal Barry Clarke and Student Support Teacher Kelsey Batts of Vermilion Forks Elementary School presented with students on the engagement games used during class that help learn all 220 sight words. Games included Call-Out Scrabble, Bingo and Seek and Find while reading books.

Presentation: Enrolment Update / District Averages

The Superintendent distributed a 2018 Organization of Classes document and discussed the District's average class sizes. Many class size ratios are slightly under the Provincial average which is important for all learners.

District Enhancing Student Learning Plan

The Superintendent distributed a memo addressed to all staff and discussed the importance to keep communication open and to update all staff on the developments within the District. The Superintendent summarized the Strategic Plan priorities and the goals of the District Enhancing Learning Plan.

Field Trips

18/117

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following field trips be approved:

Vermilion Forks Elementary School's Grade 4-7 ski field trips to Apex Mountain, BC on January 30, 2019 and February 27, 2019; and

Vermilion Forks Elementary School's Grade 7 outdoor camp field trip to Sunnybrae Camp in Tappen, BC on May 27-29, 2019.

Community Meeting Dates

The Board agreed to postpone a decision on scheduling community meeting dates with the Town of Princeton, the City of Merritt and the local First Nations Chiefs until a new Board has been elected. It was discussed to possibly include the Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Regional District of the Okanagan Similkameen to the meetings.

Superintendent's Report

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

- John Allison Elementary's impression harvest garden.
- Vermilion Forks Elementary should be proud of presentation at the Board meeting.
- First Nations Welcome Dinners had great turn-outs with a focus on reconciliation.
- Adolescent Learning Network.
- Teacher Mentorship Program.
- Foundation Skills Assessment.
- Teacher Evaluations.
- World Teacher Day was celebrated on October 5th.
- Requesting all PAC's to send representatives to the DPAC meetings which happen every 2 months.
- SD58 Twitter account actively posting about events in the District.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Princeton Student Busing Inquiry – Parent Meeting

The Superintendent distributed a memo and together with the Chair discussed Princeton's busing inquiry. The Chair clarified the federal law that seating for 72 students is based on elementary students and secondary student capacity is only 42 seats. The Board discussed the current policy and if there is a need to revise and/or update the policy. The Policy Committee will need to meet to deliberate on the feasibility of winter ridership and picking up courtesy riders.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Appointment of Banking Services

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and discussed the expiration of Royal Bank of Canada banking services contract. A one year extension contract will be signed and a tender will be prepared for April 2019.

Appointment of Auditors

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and discussed the need for an appointment of auditor services. Preparation for tender is underway and will be brought to the Board when final.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Draft Policies:

The Superintendent distributed the Respectful Work Place policy for annual review.

The Superintendent also discussed the review of the Smoking/Vaping and the Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products policy.

18/118 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following revised policy be read for a second time:

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18/119 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following revised policy be read for a third and final 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 Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary and Community Learning Centre, Trustee Swan for Merritt Bench Elementary and Diamond Vale Elementary, Trustee Ward for Princeton Secondary School and Trustee Comeau for Vermilion Forks Elementary School meeting.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. Upgrades to the school over the summer months look great. New teachers, new administration, new custodian and 38 new students to the school this year. Welcome dinner with smudging was held. Earthquake drill on October 18th to take place. Volleyball teams are doing well. The new swim team practices in Merritt. Student Leadership has been chosen.

Student Trustee Coyne reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. The academic awards were held, including distance education. Author from Texas gave presentation. New Humanities curriculum is popular. Student Council have ordered shirts. Gym Riot event coming up for Halloween. Instagram and Facebook accounts are active for the school.

Trustee Orientation

The Superintendent spoke to Trustee orientation and asked the Board how they would like to move forward. It was suggested to review the resources on the BC School Trustee Association Hub and to revisit the topic at the November Board meeting once a new Board has been elected.

Other Reports

The Chair publicly thanked Trustee Kroeker for his service to the District.

The Chair confirmed which Trustees will be laying wreaths in their community for the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Non-Sexist Environment

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

CORRESPONDENCE

BC School Trustee Association Membership

Letter addressed to Vice-Chair Swan thanking the Board for renewing its membership for 2018/2019.

BC School Trustee Association Leadership Program

Vice-Chair Swan spoke to the New Leadership Development Program developed by the BC School Trustee Association that will provide funding in accordance with the Ministry of Education for the program.

BC Tripartite Education Agreement – First Nations Student Transportation Fund

The Superintendent spoke to on-reserve student transportation as indicated in the Deputy Minister of Education's Bulletin.

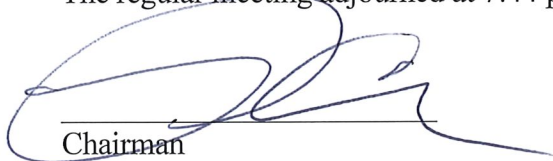
PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

A parent of a Princeton Secondary student raised questions regarding busing for students within the town's city limits. The parent asked if the empty seats on the busses are being saved for any purpose, if Princeton would receive the same late bus trials, for clarification on the Policy 702.1 and if the extra field trip busses could be used to provide an extra route for students within the 3.5 kms radius of the school

All questions and concerns were answered and explained by both the Superintendent and the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer