

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

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

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	E. Hoisington B. Jepsen J. Chenoweth L. Ward G. Swan
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

18/150 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

18/151 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the amended minutes of the Regular meeting held November 14, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Princeton Secondary School Update

Assistant Superintendent introduced Principal Kevin Leach and Vice Principal Crystal Larsen of Princeton Secondary School presented on positive events and changes at Princeton Secondary. The presentation was lead by two student council members, Rylee Forde and Shayla Gullason, who provided updates on success of the athletic teams, community support and collaboration that have taken place and are scheduled to happen with the high school.

Field Trips

18/152

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following field trips be approved:

Merritt Bench Elementary School's Grade 4 ski field trips to Harper Mountain, in Kamloops, BC on February 1, 2019;

Merritt Bench Elementary School's Grades 1-7 cross country ski field trips to Stake Lake, BC and Lac Le Jeune, BC on February 5, 12 and 13 2019; and

Merritt Central Elementary School's Grads 4-5 cross country field trip to Stake Lake, BC and Lac Le Jeune, BC on January 18, 2019.

Student Data Review

The Superintendent circulated a memo and presented the board with a preview of the student data review. The Superintendent also discussed the 2017/2018 District Six-Year Completion and Grade 12 Graduation Rates. The rates are successful, and the district has worked hard to achieve these rates but there is always more work to be done. The Data Sources and Tools discussed were the BCED Reporting and System Performance, the EDPlan Insight and the Provincial Sharepoint System.

Notification of New Bursary

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and discussed correspondence from the Shuswap Community Foundation offering Princeton Secondary School student(s) a bursary or bursaries. The amount will be based annually on the Shuswap Community Foundation: Larson Family Endowment Fund.

Local Education Agreement – Tripartite Education Agreement

The Superintendent circulated a memo and discussed an overview of the Local Education Agreement quarterly report as well as the development of Tripartite Education Agreement transportation plans for each of our First Nations communities. A quarterly report was provided and summarized for the Board which included First Nations enrolment, suspensions, designations, awards and so more.

Superintendent's Report

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

- NVIT / WorkBC
- MSS vs. PSS basketball game
- Community visits
- Speech Pathologist contract
- Leadership Development Program gaining momentum
- Staff socials well attended
- FSA's completed
- Professional Learning
- Curriculum
- International Speaker for building/thinking classrooms to speak in November 2019

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Letter of Understanding – Snow Removal

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the Letter of Understanding that provided the District with the ability to do some of the Merritt snow removal in-house for the current year.

Inclement Weather Procedures

The Superintendent distributed a memo and discussed the District's duty to inform parents when the possibility of bus routes are cancelled or are school closed due to inclement weather. The Superintendent summarized the communication processes used to address the safety of the students and staff.

Childcare BC New Spaces Fund

The Secretary Treasurer distributed documentation on the new funding offered by the Province of BC to create new childcare spaces. The executive team plans to review the application materials.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Audit and Banking Services

The Secretary Treasurer updated Trustees on the District's plan for audit and banking services. The team is currently researching other District's processes and anticipates posting the tenders in early 2019.

SCIDES Distributed Learning Audit

The Superintendent distributed a memo and updated the Board on notification received from the Ministry of Education, informing that an audit will be conducted for the Fall Data Collection Period and the February Data Collection Period for Distributed Learning Enrolment data reported. The District will cooperate and provide assistance to the auditors during the audit, estimated to take place in April 2019.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Draft Healthy Nutrition in Schools

18/153 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following draft policy be read for a second reading:

- 504.8 Heathy Nutrition in Schools

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18/154 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following draft policy be read for a third and final reading:

- 504.8 Heathy Nutrition in Schools

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Animals in Schools

The Superintendent spoke to the request for a therapy dog to be allowed in schools to assist students.

18/155

It was moved and seconded:

THAT a policy be drafted for:

- Animals in Schools

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS**Trustee Reports**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Secondary School and Merritt Bench Elementary School..

Trustee Chenoweth reported on Collettsville Elementary School and South Central Interior Distance Education School.

Trustee Jepsen reported on Diamond Vale Elementary School and Merritt Central Elementary School.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary School.

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Comeau reported on John Allison Elementary School.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

The Board Chair summarized the BCSTA Trustee Academy conference.

BCSTA Leadership Workshop

The Board Chair and Vice Chair discussed the BCSTA/BCPSEA Leadership Workshop and asked which Trustees are interested in attending.

2019 Board Meeting Dates

The Secretary Treasurer provided a memo and discussed the previously approved upcoming Board meeting dates of:

January 16, 2019	Merritt
February 13, 2019	Princeton
March 13, 2019	Merritt
April 10, 2018	Princeton
May 8, 2019	Merritt
June 12, 2019	Princeton

Additionally, Trustee Chenoweth and Trustee Hoisington will receive a tour of all the schools in the district and have been asked to attend the BCSTA Trustee Orientation conference.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will take place in early February 2019 in Merritt.

Other Reports

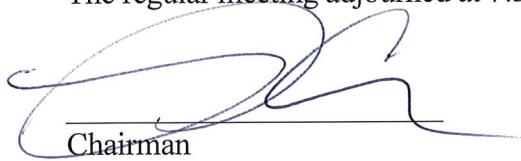
None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer