

**MINUTES**

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

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

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	E. Hoisington B. Jepsen D. Rainer J. Chenoweth 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

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**AGENDA**

19/009 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the revised agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

19/010 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the amended minutes of the Regular meeting held December 12, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Presentation: NSVPA Professional Learner**

The Assistant Superintendent introduced the Principal of Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Burt Bergmann. Principal Bergmann provided the Board a detailed summary of the Professional Learning for Administrators received for him and his team of Administrators. The training provides much needed time for Administrators to spend together. Many successful presenters provide valuable knowledge on the legal side of leadership, data driven staff development and language instructions. The Connecting Leaders Conference in 2019 will be held in Penticton with Trustee John Chenoweth expected to speak.

### **Presentation: “How are we Doing” Report**

The Superintendent introduced the District Principal for Aboriginal Education and together, both presented on the Aboriginal Report 2013/2014 – 2017/18 How are we Doing? Approximately 40% of students declare aboriginal ancestry. Highlights of the presentation included the 6-year completion rate, the First Nations Support Worker AIMS Program and the Foundation Skills Assessment Results.

### **District Assessment Plan Review**

The Superintendent provided a memo and discussed the need to create a District Assessment Committee. The Committee will coincide with the Ed Insight Program and development of a numeracy assessment.

### **2019/2020 School Calendar**

The Superintendent discussed the draft 2019/2020 school calendar. The draft calendar has been uploaded to the District website and has been distributed to Principals and Parent Advisory Committees for feedback. The results of feedback will be brought forward at the next board meeting.

### **Field Trips**

The following level three field trips have been approved:

Nicola-Canford Elementary School’s Grade 4-7 ski field trips to Harper Mountain, in Kamloops, BC on February 1, 2019.

### **Board/Authority Authorized Course – Lifetime Wellness 11**

The Superintendent circulated the course framework for the new Lifetime Wellness 11 course for Merritt Secondary School.

It was moved and seconded:

09/011 THAT the board implement the Lifetime Wellness 11 (4 credit) course for School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) to be available by September 2019.

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- Winter break and celebrations.
- Two Joint Use Agreements with NVIT and the City of Merritt are underway.
- Grade 12 – DVR Reviews
- Human Resources Manager and Assistant Secretary Treasurer positions have been filled.
- Nicola School sale dollars are starting to be distributed to schools.
- Joyful Literacy Summit being held for Teachers Professional Learning.
- Completions Rate data.
- Presentations in Princeton regarding Internet Safety with Jessie Miller

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **Completion of Merritt Secondary School Portable**

The Operations Manager distributed a memo and spoke to the completion of the portable at Merritt Secondary School. The Occupancy Permit was received on December 14, 2018 from the City of Merritt and the teacher has begun teaching in the space. The maintenance department was able to update and tie in the older portable for possible future expansion/additions. The sprinkler system, wheelchair accessibility and FOB system was all installed to the new portable as well.

#### **Joint Facility Use Agreements**

The Operations Manager distributed a memo and spoke to the Joint Use Facility Agreements with both the City of Merritt and the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. All parties have met and are preparing contract agreements and will meet again in February to compile the agreements together and approve the amended agreements.

## **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Funding Update**

The Secretary Treasurer provided a memo and updated Trustees on the District's Interim Operating Grants following the September 2018 enrolments. Adjustments were made to the Amended Annual Budget to reflect the increase and to reallocate the additional funding to Aboriginal Education programs.

### **Funding Model Review Report**

The Secretary Treasurer provided a memo and report and the Superintendent updated the board on the Funding Model Review Report for 2019/20 school year. The Funding Protection Program ensures safety for the District.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

### **Update – 606.1 Animals in the School/Classroom**

19/012

It was moved and seconded:

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

- 606.1 Animals in the School/Classroom

**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 Collettville 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.

Trustee Rainer report on Vermilion Forks Elementary School.

Trustee Swan also reported on the North DPAC.

Trustee Comeau also reported on the South DPAC.

**BCPSEA Update**

The Board Chair reported on the upcoming BCPSEA Annual General Meeting to be held on January 22-23, 2019 in Richmond.

**Student Trustee Reports**

Student Trustee Davey reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. The hall monitors new schedule and teams have been decided. Each monitor is paid for their time by Mr. Sambrook. Numeracy Assessment Tests begin on January 23, 2019. English 12 Provincial exams also take place the week of January 21, 2019.

Student Trustee Willey reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. The curling team has been terminated due to lack of interest. The boys' basketball tournament is coming up. The junior boys placed third and the senior boys' tournament is soon. The girls' tournament was cancelled. Band concerts held January 16-17, 2019 at Merritt Secondary School.

**Other Reports**

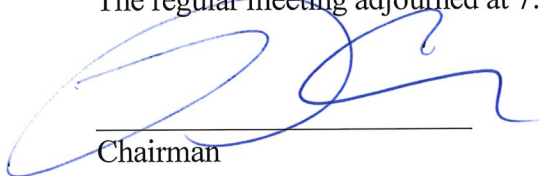
The recently approved housing developments in Merritt as well as marijuana facilities in both Merritt and Princeton will need to be monitored.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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Chairman



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Secretary Treasurer