

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019, 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 L. Ward J. Chenoweth G. Swan
Student Trustees	S. Druck M. Coyne
Superintendent	S. McNiven
Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

19/024 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

19/025 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the amended minutes of the Regular meeting held January 16, 2019, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: John Allison Elementary School Student Learning

The Superintendent introduced the Principal of John Allison Elementary School, Bill Lawrence. Principal Lawrence introduced Grade Two teachers, Ms. Gillerstedt and Ms. Ransomes. The teachers described how the classes researched their non-fiction writing projects on animals and the students presented their reports to the Board.

Presentation: Princeton Secondary School Euro-Trip

The Superintendent introduced the Principal of Princeton Secondary School, Kevin Leach. Principal Leach introduced First Nation Support Worker Renee Hartwell and Grade 10 student Joey Zimickee. Ms. Zimickee presented on a possible field trip to Europe in 2020 explaining the cultural benefits for such an experience.

19/026

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the board approve in principle for a Princeton Secondary School field trip to Europe in 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

Presentation: Field Trip Planning (YouthSafe Outdoors)

The Assistant Superintendent made a presentation to the Board on procuring the YouthSafe Outdoors field trip program. The program will simplify all district field trips by providing support and clarifying expectations and providing confidence that standard care is being met. The online tracking system assists planning your activity using guidelines and risk management. Further discussion is required regarding international field trips.

Field Trips

It was moved and seconded:

19/027

That the following field trip be approved:

Merritt Secondary School's senior music students field trip to Edmonton, AB in on May 29 – June 1, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trades / Skills / Apprenticeship Committee Update

The Superintendent circulated a memo and discussed the outcome of the Trades/Skills/Apprenticeship Committee meeting on January 11, 2019. Current successes, challenges and future priorities were reviewed including hosting evening information sessions including former students successfully working in the industry to inspire current students. The Committee will meet again in March focussing this time on completion rates in Trades programs, to strategize on elementary school focus, and to include Skills Canada ideas.

Community Literacy Committee Update

The Superintendent circulated a memo and reported that Merritt Literacy and Princeton Leaders for Literacy have dually received funding from Decoda Literacy Solutions in the amount of \$15,931.33 for literacy activities in the District.

2019/2020 District Calendar

The Superintendent circulated a memo and discussed the 2019-2020 District Calendar for approval.

19/028

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board approves the 2019-2020 calendar and it be submitted to the Ministry of Education

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent's Report

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

- Upcoming Professional Learning:
- SetBC
- K-3 Literacy Blocks
- Enhancing Student Learning Teaching coming together with guests
- Aboriginal Youth Voice Conference.
- Team effort on District progress and student success.
- Budget preparations are ongoing.
- Aboriginal Advisory Council meeting.
- Battle of the Books.
- Collettville Quebec Trip.
- 100's Day activity.
- Trades Sampler.
- Provide the media with news releases.
- Nominate Teachers/Principals for excellence awards.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting with the City of Merritt

The Superintendent distributed a memo and the Board Chair discussed the January 29th meeting with the City of Merritt and the Board. The meeting covered future developments and the potential impact on student enrolment.

Meeting with the Town of Princeton

Board Chair Comeau spoke to a meeting with the Town of Princeton. He explained that significant growth predicted for the Town of Princeton. The Board Chair explained how the growing communities will have growing demands.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget

The Secretary Treasurer distributed the Amended Annual Budget for June 30, 2019 and explained the budget surplus and deficit. The budget has been reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committee, senior staff, former Secretary Treasurer and the Ministry of Education.

19/029 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2018/2019 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of **\$32,715,326** be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that final reading take place.

19/030 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2018/2019 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of **\$32,715,326** be read a third and final time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY COMMITTEE

Animals in Schools

19/031

It was moved and seconded:

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

- 606.1 Animals in the Schools

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Notification of Draft Policies

The Superintendent spoke to the Board regarding the notification of draft policies. The District is now distributing draft policies to Administrative Officers and Parent Advisory Councils along with placing on the District website for more public and parent feedback.

CORRESPONDENCE

Canadian Heritage Funding

The Superintendent distributed a letter from the Ministry of Canadian Heritage informing the Board of a grant amount of \$1,600 has been awarded to our District to carry out National Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration. Thank you to First Nations Support Worker Renee Hartwell for her work on obtaining this grant.

Aboriginal Education Funding

The Superintendent updated the Board on the Aboriginal Education Funding. A letter has been sent to the Minister of Education reporting underspent funds for the 2017/2018 school year and providing the 2018/2019 Aboriginal Education program plans with the supplemental funding, including the underspent funding from previous years.

BC School Trustee Association Workbook

The Superintendent distributed a memo regarding the BC School Trustees Association Leadership Series Workbook. He discussed working through the assignments in the workbook, allowing Trustees a better understanding of their role prior to the Leadership Series in April 2019. Trustees are scheduled to meet with the Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer on April 11, 2019 in Kelowna to finalize the workbook together.

Early Initiative Grant

The Superintendent circulated correspondence from the Ministry of Education informing the Board of a \$35,000 grant awarded to the District to support mental health and well-being.

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.

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. Recent events that took place are the Me to We event with students at Vermilion Forks Elementary, baking with students at John Allison Elementary, and two presentations at Princeton Secondary. The Science Fair will take place at the end of February. Princeton Secondary received a Trades Education Grant in the amount of \$21,000. Prom and grad planning are underway.

Student Trustee Coyne reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. Student Council helped with a Weyerhaeuser Christmas themed event and the 4th Annual Brodie Christmas Breakfast. The food drive was a great success. Student Council will be travelling to Merritt for the Aboriginal Leadership Council Conference.

Other Reports

Trustee Ward reminded the Board of the Professional Learning Conference on March 1-2, 2019 in Vernon. Of the 61 trustees province wide, 28 are new to their roles, making the conference significant.


Trustee Chenoweth reminded the Board of the upcoming Aboriginal Advisory Council Conference taking place in Merritt on February 14, 2019.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Chairman
Secretary Treasurer