

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

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

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Swan B. Jepsen L. Ward E. Hoisington D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	S. Druck M. Coyne
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Operations Manager	D. Finnigan
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

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**AGENDA**

19/092 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the revised agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

19/093 It was moved and seconded:  
  
THAT the amended minutes of the Regular meeting held May 8, 2019, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Student Trustee Recognition**

The Superintendent thanked Student Trustee Coyne for her one year of service to the Board. He acknowledged her dedication and wished her well on her graduation and post-secondary endeavours. The Board offered a Letter of Reference if Student Trustee Coyne wishes.

### **Presentation – Health Promoting School Coordinator Program**

The Superintendent distributed a memo and presented a video by Shelley Cressey-Hassel, the District's Health Promoting School Coordinator. The video provided the Board with an update on the progress being made including the Nutrition Policy, Cook It Try It Like It Program, community connections, monthly newsletters, Kids in the Know, K-9 Awareness (Stranger Danger replacement program) and much more.

### **Field Trips**

No new field trips to report.

### **Strategic Planning / Inclusion Planning**

The Superintendent circulated a memo and confirmed that two meetings are set to proceed with planning related to the overall strategic plan as well as a plan to enhance inclusion in the District. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee will meet on June 13, 2019 to begin the process of creating a revamped Strategic Plan for the upcoming school year. On June 19, 2019 there will be a Bright Lights meeting. This meeting will consist of educators and Dr. Aaron Johannes to develop a plan to for further strategic action towards inclusion.

### **Board Authority / Authorized Courses**

The Assistant Superintendent circulated a memo and updated the Board on the need for the District to update and redesign Board/Authority Authorized Courses to meet the new Grade 10/11/12 standards by July 2019.

19/094 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the following Board/Authority Authorized Courses:

- Cosmetology 12
- Criminology 12
- Forensics 11
- Forensics 12
- Psychology 11
- Psychology 12
- Veterinary Science 11
- Digital Communications 11
- Leadership 10 / 11 / 12

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- The busy month of June has arrived
- Culture Camp hosted by the Metis Society at Rotary Park
- Aboriginal Grad Ceremony at NVIT
- Retirement/Service Recognition events
- Battle of the Books
- School/District Track Meets
- Empower Her Day at Merritt Central Elementary
- Year-end trips
- District Pow Wow
- Enhancing Learning Cafe
- Merritt Arts Festival
- Princeton Artists in the Schools
- Tree planting at Harmon Lake/Lundbom Lake

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Network Upgrades**

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and spoke to the District's internet network speed upgrades. The Provincial Government approved 6 schools in the District for upgrades this summer. The upgrade will allow more bandwidth to the sites that need it most.

### **Nicola Lake School Proceeds**

The Superintendent distributed a memo and presented a slideshow, along with the Assistant Superintendent, on the impact that the proceeds from the sale of Nicola Lake School is having on learners across the District. Principal Leach also spoke to the benefits received at Princeton Secondary School.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

### **Draft 603.2 Field Trip Policy**

The Superintendent distributed a memo and spoke to the draft field trip policy prepared. The revised policy and new field trip handbook will allow administrators to communicate field trip requests with simple and clear articulation. It was agreed that the policy will be brought back to the Board at the September 2019 Board meeting after more discussion with the Policy Committee.

### **Trustee Code of Conduct**

The Superintendent distributed a memo and spoke to the possibility of creating a Trustee Code of Conduct Policy. The 28 items were discussed and it was agreed that the policy will be brought back to the Board at the September 2019 Board meeting after more discussion with the Policy Committee. The Board was asked to send any thoughts and recommendations on the policy to the Superintendent.

### **Revised 205.1 Trustee Indemnity and Expenses Policy**

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and spoke to the revisions made to the 205.1 Trustee Indemnity and Expenses Policy. The revisions tie the mileage and per diem rates to match the BCSTA rates, simplified the language, increased the technology allowance and updated the indemnities to current rates.

19/095

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised 205.1 Trustee Indemnity and Expenses Policy be read for a third and final time, finally passed and adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **Trustee Reports**

The Board Chair recognized Trustee Rainer for his ten years of service as a Trustee.

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Secondary School.

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary School and Merritt Central Elementary School.

Trustee Rainer reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary School.

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

Trustee Comeau reported on John Allison Elementary School.

### **Student Trustee Reports**

Student Trustee Druck and Student Trustee Coyne reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. Together, the Student Trustees presented the Princeton Secondary School Instagram page which included the Grade 8 and 9 Regional Science Fair, fire drills, Physics zipling trip, Biology trip to Bamfield, and Swan Lake bird watching. The Grade 7 Leadership group travelled to Sunnybrae. Student Council went to Kelowna for a Leadership Conference. Students asked Student Council for more hands on learning, a new school mascot, to keep the Student Learning Commons open during the full school day, new laptops and a new morning announcement monitor in the foyer.

### **Aboriginal Advisory Council Report**

The Superintendent updated the Board on the Aboriginal Advisory Council meeting.

All five representatives from the community met to discuss finances, planning for next year, and the scholarships awarded. District Principal for Student Support Services, Jane Kempston, spoke about the District's Literacy 2020/2021 at the meeting. First Nations Support Worker Renee Hartwell is working on National Aboriginal Day events taking place on June 21, 2019.

**Other Reports**

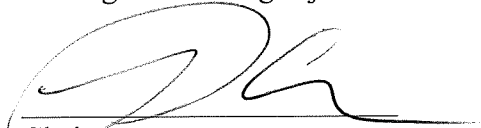
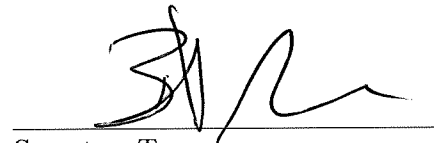
The Board Chair discussed a telephone call received from the Town of Princeton to the Secretary Treasurer regarding the Board's letter of request to meet regarding wildlife. The Town of Princeton verbalized they are willing to meet. The Board agreed to request that the Town of Princeton respond in writing. The meeting will be scheduled in Princeton and will include Conservation Officer Tyler Kerr.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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Chairman  
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Secretary Treasurer