

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARDROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020, 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	B. Jepsen L. Ward G. Swan E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	R. Forde S. Druck
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

20/028 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the revised agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

20/029 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the revised minutes of the Regular meeting held January 15, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation – Vermilion Forks Elementary (Moose Hide Campaign)

Assistant Superintendent Aziz introduced Principal Clarke. Principal Clarke introduced four Vermilion Forks Elementary students, Leighton Moss, Wyette Antonick, Reva Shopshire and Olivia Vandergulik. The inspirational students spoke to the Board about a grassroots movement that began in 2011. The effort of men and boys fasting in solidarity to end violence against women and children is now widely known across over 350 Canadian communities as the Moose-Hide Campaign. The organization humanely prepares moose hide squares to pin to your clothing in the hopes of creating the conversation. Vermilion Forks Elementary will be presenting a video to Grades 4 and up to bring awareness to the campaign on February 24, 2020.

Strategic Planning Update

Superintendent McNiven distributed a memo and updated the Board on the Strategic Plan progress and outlined the consultation work that took place in January and February 2020. He provided a consent letter issued to parents, a letter sent to stakeholders, and informed the Board on the Aboriginal Advisory Council consultation along with upcoming activities such as ImagineACircle and the Learning Café.

Local Education Agreement Update

The Superintendent provided a memo with a summary of the feedback received regarding the Local Education Agreement priorities. After meetings with the Shackan Indian Band, Upper Nicola Indian Band and the Coldwater Indian Band, the priorities heard were early learning and support, achievement rates, transition to kindergarten, post-secondary transitions, and student planning.

2020/2021 District Calendar

The Superintendent circulated a memo along with the draft 2020/2021 District Calendar for the Board's consideration. Trustees would like to provide teachers with the options for summer institute and spring break. More discussion is needed with the union before moving ahead with changes to the calendar for summer institute and spring break for future years.

Vaping Response Procedures

The Assistant Superintendent circulated a memo and provided the Board with a set of guidelines titled "Procedural Recommendations for School District's Regarding Vaping". The guidelines were created in conjunction with the BC School Trustees Association, the BC School Superintendents Association and the BC School

Protection Plan. The recommendations will be passed along to all Principals to ensure consistent messaging and procedures across the District. Trustees also suggested that the District's four Student Trustees could visit with and speak to Grade 4 and older students about the harms of vaping.

Citxw Nlaka'pamus Assembly Adult Immersion Proposal

The Superintendent distributed a memo advising the Board that the Citxw Nlaka'pamus Assembly (CAN) has been developing an Nle?kepmux Adult Immersion Program. The Superintendent wanted the Board to be aware of this program and would like the District to show its support.

Coronavirus Letter to Parents

The Superintendent circulated a memo and a letter that was sent home to parents and staff regarding the Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). The BC Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, advises that maintaining healthy habits of frequent hand washing, proper hygiene, cleanliness of workspaces and remaining home when sick, reduces the risk of illness for everyone.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent circulated a Superintendent's Report and informed on the following activities happening in the district:

- Supporting Numeracy and Literacy
- 2020 Moose Hide Campaign
- Celebrating Culture and Fine Arts
- Visit to Shackan Indian Band
- Trades and Technology
- Thank you to Staff and Community Coaches
- Strategic Planning
- Kindergarten Enrolment
- NVIT Career Fair

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Student Transportation Tracking Update

The Superintendent spoke to a memo distributed by the Operations Manager regarding student transportation tracking. He updated the Board on the agreement with mTransport to install hardware and software for our buses and routes. The mTransport program will provide bus locations, speed, stops, times, the location of students' movements and passenger lists. Each bussing student will receive a QR code card to log in and out of a bus. This live data will alert a driver when a student boards the wrong bus, when a student misses a bus stop, younger students that must be welcomed by an adult and any special requirements for students. Parents will also be able to log in to track their child and the bus. Parents will be notified of any delays or cancellations and if their child was not picked up and is being brought back to the school.

Conference Room / Boardroom Technology Update

Assistant Superintendent Aziz distributed a memo and discussed the usage of the video teleconference technologies in the Merritt Board Office and at Princeton Secondary School. The new technology has allowed positive connections without having to travel. It has been discussed expanding the technology into school classrooms at Merritt Secondary and Princeton Secondary with mobile options. Ricoh has agreed to pilot the project free of charge for a period of time. This could allow for a common secondary school timetable across the District in the future.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget for approval.

20/030

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2019/2020 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$32,057,474 be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that final reading take place.

20/031

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2019/2020 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount \$32,057,474 be read a third and final time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Subsequent to the approval, adjustments were made and approved via telephone conference.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

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

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on Collettsville Elementary and SCIDES.

Trustee Rainer reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary.

Trustee Comeau reported on John Allison Elementary.

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Forde reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She began with a report on PSS well-being activities. Information on the Coronavirus, LGBTQ+ gathering, Anti-Bullying awareness and in addition to the Girls Group, a Boys Group has been created. There are still concerns around the school about vaping. Report cards have been sent out and Literacy and Numeracy Assessments took place. Flex blocks have recently been changed/reduced.

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. The senior girls' and boys' basketball seasons are over but girls' soccer, golf and boys' rugby seasons have started. The leadership team hosted a Spirit Week and are also hosting a Valentines Day gym riot. The school is collectively happy about the new sensory room, the motion lights that are able to dim, and the new fish in the science department.

Aboriginal Advisory Council Report

Trustee Chenoweth provided the Board with a report on the Aboriginal Advisory Council meeting. There was concern regarding children who age out of the system. More information is needed and there will be follow-up. The budget was consulted on. Overall, it was a very positive meeting.

Other Reports

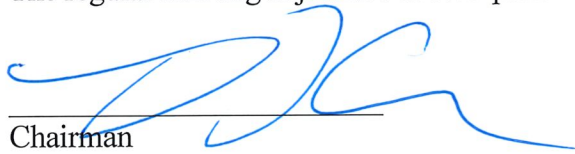
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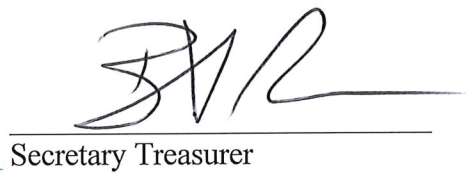
PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary Treasurer