

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE  
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020, 5:38 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	B. Jepsen G. Swan E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward
	Student Trustees	S. Druck R. Forde
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Chenoweth
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

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**AGENDA**

20/057 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

20/058 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the revised minutes of the Regular meeting held March 11, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Presentation and Update – COVID-19 Response**

The Superintendent presented to the Board with an overview of the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The presentation focussed on the four principles:

Principle 1 – Health and Safety

Principle 2 – Supporting Essential Service Workers

Principle 3 – Supporting Vulnerable Populations

Principle 4 – Providing Ongoing Learning Opportunities

He presented on each of these topics in detail on the processes that the District is taking.

### **Strategic Planning Update**

The Superintendent provided Trustees with an update on progress to date as well as an outline for the consultation work taking place remotely. The report also included any areas that cannot be completed remotely and any potential changes in the timeline for completion.

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- Health and Safety
- Supporting Children of Essential Services Workers
- Supporting Vulnerable Students
- Providing Ongoing Learning Opportunities
- Everyone Makes a Difference
- Thank you to all the Front-Line Workers

## **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Ministry Funding Announcements**

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and a final 2019/20 operating grants spreadsheet and a 2020/21 estimated operating grants spreadsheet. She discussed the Ministry's March 2020 announcement of the 2020/2021 Operating Grants and provided an update on the May 2020 enrolment count being waived with an estimated funding amount to be provided. The final operating grant calculations for the current year are \$23,742,555 with the payment schedules of these grants remaining intact. She also reported that the for 2020/21 funding is estimated at \$24,204,968. This amount includes funding for the previously ratified labour settlement agreements. Funding for the ratified BCTF agreement will be announced separately. The Secretary Treasurer will be working towards building the District's 2020/2021 Preliminary Budget using this funding estimate.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **Trustee Reports**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

None to report.

### **Student Trustee Reports**

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She reported on the school dance and spirit event held before spring break. The Principal and Vice-Principal checked student pockets before entry to the dance for any vaping products. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Advisory Teachers have been checking in on students regarding their mental health, their need for food and technology. Lockers have been cleaned out and those items, along with grad hoodies, have been picked up by students. She expressed the difficulty being in her senior year, along with her fellow graduates, and not being able to participate in graduation ceremony or prom. She will work with her graduation class and with the Assistant Superintendent to find safe ways to celebrate in the community. Student Trustee Druck also would like to remind the community to be aware that ticks are out in high numbers and to be diligent in checking yourselves and your pets after being outdoors.

Student Trustee Forde reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She began with a report on an assembly that took place before spring break with Principal Lawrence on vaping. Student Council has designed and ordered blankets for all students and will be handed out soon. A Big Buddy Reading Program has Princeton Secondary students connecting with John Allison students via zoom.

### **Other Reports**

None

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer