

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON SECONDARY SCHOOL LEARNING COMMONS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020, 6:11 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow on the Traditional Territories of the NleɁkepmux and Syilx

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Swan
	Trustees	B. Jepsen G. Comeau E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward
	Student Trustees	R. Forde K. Druck
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

20/126 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

20/127 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting September 16, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

BC Tripartite Education Agreement Update

The Superintendent circulated a memo and presented alongside the District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Shelley Oppenheim-Lacerte. They provided the board with an update on the BC Tripartite Education Agreement. They explained the Provincial progress and highlighted the ongoing work taking place in the District to meet the commitments outlined in the British Columbia Tripartite Education Agreement such as the Joint Local Education Agreement, language and culture programs, Truth and Reconciliation, transportation plans and academic success.

Field Trip Memo

The Assistant Superintendent circulated a memo and advised the board that all Princeton Secondary participants have been refunded in full for their cancelled trip to Europe. He recommended that all out of country and within country Board Approved field trips be REQUIRED to have the maximum available insurance for all excursions.

20/128

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the wording for the Field Trip Policy be changed from “all out of country and within country Board approved field trips are recommended to have the maximum available insurance for all excursions” to “all out of country and within country Board approved field trips are required to have the maximum available insurance for all excursions”.

MOTION CARRIED

Princeton Secondary School Recycling Program Presentation

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Student Trustee Rylie Forde and Ally Ferguson who presented to the board on the Princeton Secondary School Recycling Program. Vice-Principal Larsen also provided acknowledgement to the students for their dedication to the PSS Recycling Program. The students described the lack of recycling offered in the Princeton area during a slide show and how they have found solutions to help reduce the amount of waste produced by the school(s).

Princeton Secondary School Outdoor Education Program Presentation

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Princeton Secondary School Teacher Peter van Genne who welcomed grade 11 students Natalie Yurkowski and Gabriel Maaske. Together, they presented to the board on the Princeton Secondary School’s Outdoor Education Program. Hiking, canoeing, identifying vegetation were all showcased in the informative slide show.

Stage 2 Update

The Superintendent distributed a memo and a presentation for the board on Stage 2 Update for October 2020. The presentation focussed on health and safety protocols, learning support, well-being, enrollment/attendance, challenges and successes and communication for staff and students. The District is working closely with Public Health who determines if a COVID-19 related illness is deemed an exposure through contact tracing. Student Trustee Druck suggested providing this information to all secondary school students.

Preliminary Enrolment Analysis

The Superintendent provided Trustees with a memo and an overview of the shift in enrollment across the District as well as the support being provided for students who are immunocompromised or have complex learning needs, students who are transitioning between programs or schools, hospital / homebound support (short and long term), remote learning and standard school.

Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order

The Superintendent circulated a memo along with the Deputy Minister's bulletin and provided an overview of the Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order and the District's plan to meet this important requirement. He also included an update on related data sources and the connection to the Strategic Plan process. The Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting again soon.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent circulated a Superintendent's Report and informed on the important work the District has been working on:

- Thank-you to all clerical staff
- Proud of the Local Education Agreement
- Appreciation to all board members
- World Teachers' Day – October 5
- Student support at SCIDES
- Orange Shirt Day – September 30
- Outdoor learning spaces
- Literacy 2021

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Outdoor Learning and Purchases

The Superintendent provided a memo and a visual overview of current outdoor spaces across the District as well as those that are in the planning stages. His presentation also included any school based purchases or programs related to outdoor learning.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Revised 400.12 Whistle Blower Policy

The Assistant Superintendent provided a memo and draft revised policy on 400.12 Whistle Blower to include language specific to the Public Interest Disclosure Act.

20/129 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised 400.12 Whistle Blower policy be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

901.5 Video Surveillance at School Sites Policy

The Assistant Superintendent provided a memo and a newly drafted policy 901.5 Video Surveillance at School Sites to allow for video surveillance in specific circumstances and the protocols to do so with the intention to apply to potential outdoor surveillance, not surveillance within the schools. The policy has been vetted and approved by the Policy Committee and is submitted for approval by the Board as a whole.

20/130 It was moved and seconded:

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

- 901.5 Video Surveillance at School Sites

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Jepsen asked if a procedural document can be added to the policy. The Assistant Superintendent will provide a draft at the next board meeting.

Policy Review

The Assistant Superintendent provided Trustees with a memo and discussed his commitment to review and create a schedule for policy review over a five-year timeframe along with the Policy Committee. Trustee Ward recommended adding when each policy was last updated to the main policy directory of the District website.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary.

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

Trustee Comeau reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES.

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She discussed the excellent work of students including the impressive participation of wearing masks in all common spaces of the secondary school and that the cohort groups are following protocols. She reported that the wellness team has started a volleyball program.

Student Trustee Forde reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She updated the board on the status of a significant decrease of vaping in the restrooms. The new BC Outdoor Life class is popular and very well received amongst students. The new teachers to Princeton Secondary school are fitting in well with the students and staff. Princeton Secondary participated in Orange Shirt Day and the Terry Fox Run this month. Recruitment has begun for student council.

Other Reports

Assistant Superintendent Aziz confirmed the next DPAC meeting is on October 27, 2020.

Board Chair Swan congratulated Trustee Ward on becoming the new Vice Chair of the BCSTA (Thompson Okanagan Branch) Professional Learning Committee.

Vice-Chair Comeau to attend the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting on October 24, 2020 in place of Trustee Rainer.

Nominations for BCSTA Provincial Council representative will take place at the November 18, 2020 board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Superintendent distributed correspondence from United Way dated September 10, 2020. Board Chair Swan confirmed that the United Way has approved funding in the amount of \$8,200.00 to support the District with the program costs necessary to support children facing barriers to accessing after school extra-curricular activities and care.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer