

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Trustees	B. Jepsen G. Comeau E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	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. Chenoweth
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES AND
METIS COMMUNITY**

AGENDA

21/031

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

21/032

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting March 10, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDUCATION COMMITTEE**Graduation Ceremonies and Year End Activities**

The Assistant Superintendent circulated a memo and informed the Board that the District will plan all Commencement and School Learning activities with a focus of health and safety and virtual public participation.

Presentation - Diamond Vale Elementary Land Based Learning

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Principal Kevin McGifford and First Nations Support Worker Christine Chillihtzia who presented on grant awarded land-based learning at Diamond Vale Elementary School with a focus on Indigenous traditions.

Presentation – Pandemic Response Update

Assistant Superintendent Aziz presented to the Board with an update on the District's pandemic support. The District is continuing to communicate with students and families regarding provincial health updates and to support online learners.

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 Students and Families
- Surplus Property – Public Consultation
- Post-Secondary Transition Support
- Strategic Planning
- Skills / Trades
- District Parent Advisory Council Presentation
- Learning Outdoors
- Health Promoting School Coordinator Presentation on e-cigarettes and vaping
- September enrolment
- Updated COVID-19 Protocols

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Red Light Campaign

The Operations Manager provided the Board with a presentation on Bus Safety Week (March 8-12, 2021). He included local and social media advertisements along with coffee cup sleeves to promote bus safety awareness and inform the public on the enforcement of bus safety.

Long-Range Facility Plan Consultation

The Secretary Treasurer circulated a memo reporting the status of the Long-Range Facility Plan work and provided an overview of the Surplus Property Public Consultation meeting that was held on April 12, 2021. The Superintendent reviewed the presentation which was provided at the consultation meeting on April 12, 2021.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Release of Operating Grant Holdback

Secretary Treasurer Ross distributed a memo from the Deputy Minister of Education regarding the release of Operating Grant Holdback of \$5.9 million of which the district is to receive \$25,462.

2020/21 Operating Grants – February Recount

Secretary Treasurer Ross circulated a memo including a recalculated Operating Grant Summary following the February 2021 enrolment count for the 2020/21 school year. Based on the February 2021 recount, the District will receive an additional \$68,312 in operating funds based on increases in continuing education, distributed learning and special education.

2021/22 Estimated Operating Grants

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and a snapshot of the Estimated Operating Grants for 2021/22. Based on the February 2021 enrolment projections, the District will receive \$24,933,277 for the 2021/22 Estimated Operating Grant Block Funding, of which funding protection applies to \$316,175.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Annual Policy Reviews

Assistant Superintendent Aziz updated the Board on the recent review and revisions taking place with the Policy Committee for all outdated District policies.

21/033 It was moved and seconded:

THAT 602.63 Electronic Communication Systems in Schools – Student Acceptable Use has been amalgamated directly into Policy 602.6 District Technology and Networked Information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21/034 It was moved and seconded:

THAT 603.5 School Library/Resource Centre be removed from the policy manual as it no longer applies to the District.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21/035 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised 501.7 Admission of International Students be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Forde reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She discussed organizational excellence. Report cards, outdoor education class and the recycling program updates were provided. A brain injury presentation at the school was well received.

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She provided an update on events with health and wellness and student council. Kindness and Gratitude Project Grant, mental health and body image awareness week, and environmental awareness day were discussed.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary School.
Trustee Comeau reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.
Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.
Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.
Trustee Rainer reported on John Allison Elementary.
Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.
Trustee Jepsen reported on Diamond Vale Elementary and Merritt Central Elementary.


CORRESPONDENCE**City of Merritt**

Board Chair Swan circulated a letter Linda Brown, Mayor of Merritt informing the Board of an establishment of scholarships for District students.

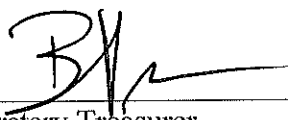
It was recommended that the Board send a letter of thank you to the City of Merritt.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer