

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Trustees	B. Jepsen G. Comeau E. Hoisington L. Ward D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	C. Anscorb J. Babcock
	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

21/070 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

21/071

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting September 13, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****Strategic Plan Presentation**

The Superintendent provided Trustees with a presentation of the Strategic Plan updates highlighting literacy and numeracy support, mental health, communication and Truth and Reconciliation.

Enhancing Student Learning

Superintendent McNiven presented to the Board on the Enhancing Student Learning Report submitted to the Ministry of Education as well as provided an overview of the Enhancing Student Learning Framework process going forward at the Provincial, District and school level.

Enrolment Update

The Superintendent updated the Board and Senior Staff with an overview of the September 30, 2021 preliminary enrolment for the District. He also included a comparison with the September 2020 enrolment.

Communicable Disease Prevention Update

The Assistant Superintendent distributed a memo that provides an update on the District's Communicable Disease Prevention plan and the impact of the fourth wave on the School District. The following items will be reviewed:

- Potential Exposures
- Communication Process
- District Response
- Secondary School Vaccination Clinics

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report informed the Trustees on the important work the District has been working on:

- Thank you on October 5 for World Teacher Day
- September 30 Truth and Reconciliation
- Supporting Literacy and Numeracy
- Harvest Day at John Allison Elementary

- Cross Country Running
- Strategic Plan Scavenger Hunt
- Terry Fox Run – He Never Gave Up
- Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Long-Range Facility Plan

The Superintendent provided Trustees with a summary of the consultation process and the Long-Range Facility Plan priorities moving forward. The presentation included the following:

- Ministry Expectations for Long Range Facilities Plans
- Review of Guiding Principles
- Long Range Facility Plan Recommendations
- Public Consultation Process and Information Provided
- School District Priorities Moving Forward

Outdoor Learning Spaces

Superintendent McNiven provided an overview of the new outdoor learning spaces at John Allison Elementary School, Merritt Central Elementary School, Nicola-Canford Elementary School and Merritt Secondary School. He explored the new Indigenous Calming Space located at Merritt Secondary School and offered gratitude to the Lower Nicola Indian Band for their financial support and all those involved who made it possible.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Budget Update

The Secretary Treasurer circulated a memo and a 2021/2022 Budget Manager Report. She reviewed the 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget and the active budget work being performed such as updates to actual pay rates for each employee, ensuring targeted dollars are fully expended, and adjustment of school budgets. The final budget is scheduled to be presented to the Board in February 2022.

POLICY COMMITTEE

British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Policy Support

The Assistant Superintendent Aziz updated the Board on his communication with BCSTA to examine what services they offer and provide to assist with policy review, revision and modernizing. Following a discussion with Gordon Li and their legal representative, they do not provide expertise or funding to assist with the above. They do provide expertise for Board Performance Review and some funding for governance support. There are other professional and agencies that can provide the assistance sought out but at a substantial cost.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Forde reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She provided an update on wellness, student health and graduation.

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She provided an update on learning, community and organizational excellence.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Comeau reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Rainer reported on Princeton Secondary.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.

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 Kengard Learning Centre.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

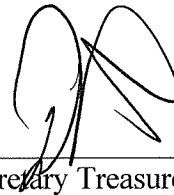
None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7.36 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer