

MINUTES

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

*VIA MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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 (absent) L. Ward D. Rainer
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Chenoweth (absent)
	Executive Assistant	Vacant

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

AGENDA

21/089 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

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

MOTION CARRIED

Business arising from minutes

None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE**Flood Response - Presentation**

Princeton

- Facility / Busing - Darrell
- Current status and update on water conditions – Steve
- Communication - Steve
- Shared facility and rotating schedule – Jameel
- Basic need support – Jane
- Well-being – Jane
- Remote / Face to Face Learning – Steve/Jameel
- Next steps (opening of schools / learning support) – Steve

Merritt

- Facilities – Darrell / Doug
 - o Damage and timelines
 - o Remediation progress
 - Furniture
 - Equipment
 - Resources
 - Physical repairs
- School Openings – Steve/Jameel
 - o Present
 - Face to face
 - Remote
 - Technology distribution
 - Community support (UN, Coldwater)
 - o Future targets
 - MCE
 - MSS
 - Board Office
- Basic Need Support – Jane / Shelley
- Mental Health / Well-being – Jane / Shelley
- Communication – Steve / Steve
- Provincial (Nicola-Similkameen Recovery Table) – Steve and Team

Recognition was given to all stakeholder groups that are providing support to the north and south ends of the school district.

Completion/ Graduation Rates

The superintendent presented data from the Six-Year Completion and Grade 12 Graduation Rates for 2020/2021 for School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen).

Six-year completion rate of 89.1%

Superintendent's Report

The superintendent provide a report with emphasis on the power of students. A picture was presented, showing a group of Princeton students, providing outstanding support to a number of community members. This reflects the power of community, the "want" to contribute and support one another. The superintendent expresses thanks to our direct communities, neighboring communities and aboard.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Inclement Weather Protocol

The superintendent spoke to previous weather events over the past 3-5 years. We need to be considering the safety of our students and being in a place of readiness. 6:30 am is the protocol to communicate to our stakeholders.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2021/2022 Budget Update

The Secretary Treasurer continues to work on the budget. Funding announcements to be released this coming Friday with updates on special purpose funds, CEF. We will not hear about the capital submission until the spring of 2022. The impact of the flood costs are ongoing.

Five insurance claims have been opened, one for each of the district's damaged facilities, along with a claim for extra costs. Funding for the insurance claim will be a combination of SPP and the MOE.

2021/22 BCTEA Joint Transportation Funding

The Secretary Treasurer presented that approximately \$100,000 will be received to the district for the BCTEA Joint Transportation initiative.

POLICY

Public Disclosure Policy

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the district is required to implement this policy, communicating to employees what it means, what this means for the district, and designating one senior staff member.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Druck provided a report addressing areas of wellness, organizational excellence, student council, and Princeton Secondary's support to the flood disaster.

Student Trustee Forde provided a report on Remembrance Day activities, community learning and graduation.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary School.
 Trustee Jepsen reported that PAC meetings were cancelled.
 Trustee Rainer expressed his thanks for the students trustees.
 Trustee Comeau reported that PAC meetings were cancelled.
 Trustee Hoisington reported that PAC meetings were cancelled.
 Trustee Swan provided an update of Merritt Bench and Merritt Secondary, emphasizing the boys volleyball team that placed 3rd at the Revelstoke tournament and being recognized for their ability to compete amidst the events of the flood.

Other Reports

Trustee Rainer provided a report on his attendance to the BCSTA conference, emphasizing different learning strategies and the pedagogy centred around students that fail and are ok to continue through the learning process vs students that fail and need support.

Nicola-Canford, PAC request for support. Trustee Hoisington submitted that this was not attached to the board package. This was brought forward in October in preparation for our November meeting, which never happened as a result of the flood disaster. It was agreed by the trustees to sent out the request separately where the trustees will deliberate and address electronically by way of email.
 Note: Trustee Jepsen is declaring a conflict of interest.

CORRESPONDENCE

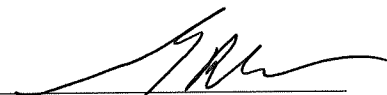
None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD


None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



 Chairperson



 Secretary/Treasurer