

MINUTES

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

**VIA PRINCETON SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022, 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	K. Druck R. Forde
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	V. Chan
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	D. McDermott

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

AGENDA

22/047 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

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THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting April 13, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Princeton Secondary School Teacher Development Presentation

Superintendent introduced Bill Lawrence and Crystal Larsen for a presentation on Pete and Renee and their TTOC journey. Want to say thank you to Simone to help with the letter of permission to have a noncertified teacher on staff. Renee has been a FNSW for so many years and now a TTOC, it took a lot of collaboration to get these two to where they are now with teachers and schools. Renee spoke to her experience, and so did Pete. There has been so much support in order for them to succeed.

Strategic Plan/ Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Self-Evaluation and Peer Evaluation Process

Superintendent spoke to the memo in the board package. We will be participating in a peer review starting tomorrow. Approximately 20 districts will be going through this. Finalized our strategic plan in June 2021. The district is responsible for the enhanced student learning plan, aligned with the work is our communication plan, LEA and EA's. We will be looking at our self reflection documents, the document has 3 sections of reflections (data, engagement, and alignment). Data - We talked about graduation rates, for all students, strengths in Joyful literacy. To consider what can the district improve on – numeracy data to be improved. Engagement piece - focus is on the stakeholder groups in participation and the process. We need to encourage the student voice. Alignment – indigenous side of things, proud of our LEA and EA. There will be a report in June's board meeting. All our work aligns with our strategic plan.

Summer Learning Support

Superintendent spoke to the memo, will be able to provide support across the district for families who are wanting their students to take some summer learning. We do recognize our teachers, parents and students need a break, so our plans to date will focus on book distribution and joyful literacy strategies and technology options. On the North side of the district, plan some community visits. On south side we will do a 4-week literacy/recreation program at the elementary level. We will rely on the staffing issues. We are also keeping an eye on the 10/11 grades to ensure they are on the right track for graduation. Student trustee asked if we consider using students to help with summer literacy programs.

Truth and Reconciliation Activities

Superintendent spoke to the memo regarding the activities and the Assistant Superintendent spoke about Metis portion. Activity coming up on May 24th is the blanket ceremony. Staff and kids enjoyed the opportunity to get out and experience traditional Metis cultural camp. Trustees are welcome to join in these activities., will send out an invite.

Mental Health Support

Superintendent spoke to memo in the board, thank you to District Principal Jane Kempston for this information. Assistant Superintendent to approach DPAC to meet one of the five bullets in the memo. These dollars had a deadline for the end of the year, but the Ministry, knowing our circumstances has extended that deadline.

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 the FNSW
- Kraft Hockeyville 2022
- Truth and Reconciliation – Cultural Sensitivity Training
- Ninja Warrior is back
- Leather Work Class
- SCIDES Steam Week – Science – Technology – Engineering – Math
- Culture camps are back
- Community support
- Merritt Central Elementary School

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Facility Repair Update

Assistant Superintendent spoke to the two facilities currently being worked on, Merritt Central Elementary and SBO. Additional mold remediation that had to occur at MCE; interior of Central is on track. Lots of progress in both, Central to move home in fall 2022, SBO will move back in June or July.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Update

Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the board package. Approved budget is due to the Ministry of Education by June 30, 2022. Still looking for feedback from stakeholders and student trustees E.g. – school operations. Second soap dispenser in girl's bathroom, hand dryers to reduce paper consumption.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports

Grad Student Trustee Forde spoke to organizational excellence, no masks is uplifting, course selection happened, one term left, golf teams doing well. First grad ceremony in two years. Mixed emotions for grads, grad hockey game,

Student Trustee Druck spoke to wellness and community, anti-bullying awareness in February, community soccer team 107 kids, a lot of high school volunteers. Community representatives came and talked to students about careers and mental health. Drop-in basketball and volleyball has had a lot of good turnouts, jersey day

last week to support Hockeyville. Leadership class has brought in water fill stations to reduce waste.

Assistant Superintendent thanked Riley for all her student trustee work and will write a glowing recommendation letter, she took the role seriously and had many contributions.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

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

Trustee Comeau reported that Vermilion Forks Elementary PAC meets the 1st week in June.

Trustee Rainer reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.

Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary School.

Other Reports

Board Chair Swan provided highlights of the BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting that took place virtually on April 20-24, 2022, noting that Trustee John Chenoweth was re-elected to the BCSTA Board of Directors with an 80% vote.


PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Chairperson


Secretary Treasurer