

MINUTES

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

**VIA MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Trustees	B. Jepsen (absent) G. Comeau E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	V. Chan (absent)
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Chenoweth
	Executive Assistant	D. McDermott/J. McGifford

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

AGENDA

22/054 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

22/055 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting May 11, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Business arising from minutes

None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE**Student Trustee Recognition**

The Assistant Superintendent acknowledged Carson Ancomb Grade 12 Student Trustee and thanked him for his leadership and contributions to the Board.

Presentation – Trades and Skills Update

The Assistant Superintendent gave a verbal update. Principal McGifford gave a presentation on the growing student and community involvement in the Youth in Trades Program

Summer Learning Support

The Superintendent spoke of the District goal of providing support for primary students including the distribution of books, technology and other supports to families. There will be two programs in place: Merritt (with a focus on community connections) and Princeton (with a focus on literacy and numeracy support). These programs will be inclusive of all children/students in the valley.

Early Learning Initiatives

Jane Kempston spoke to Early Learning Initiatives as per the memo in the board package. Focus on four initiatives: Seamless Day Kindergarten, Just B4, Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions and Changing Results for Young Children.

Truth and Reconciliation

The Superintendent spoke to the memo in the board package and recent community activities.

Strategic plan – Peer/ Self-Evaluation Report

The Superintendent spoke to the memo in board package re/ focus on enhanced student learning. This report also speaks to our school district's strategic plan, the need to improve our numeracy rates at all levels, improve communication and plan around our strategic plan. Encourages transparency.

Graduation Ceremonies

The Superintendent provided Trustees with the final update on the graduation ceremonies planned for Princeton Secondary, Merritt Secondary, the Bridge and Kengard Learning Centre.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Thanking the Province for support through the flooding crisis.
- Grade 5 Tree Planting
- Truth and Reconciliation: the Blanket Exercise with Local Chiefs, Trustees, Staff, and Students at Nicola Canford
- The Princeton Paint Run 2022
- Friendship Dance between Nicola Canford & Diamond Vale Elementary
- First Annual PRIDE Day Parade
- Sunnybrae: Vermilion Forks Grade 7 Class Trip
- Graduation 2022
- John Allison's Grade 2 trip to Swan Lake (featuring Learning on the Land)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Facility Repair Update

Operations Manager Darrell Finnigan gave a verbal update on all current repairs being performed. SBO will hopefully be back in a couple weeks. The big project now is working with all these contractors on external work, fields, paving, sod and sprinkler systems. Playgrounds will be starting next week. All schools will be operational by September. Appreciation was given to the work of both Doug Boyd and On-Side Restoration.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2022/2023 Preliminary Budget

22/056 The Acting Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and presented the 2022/22 Preliminary Budget.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the board adopt the 2022/23 Preliminary Budget and submit to the Ministry by June 30, 2022 be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED

22/057 It was unanimous that the final reading take place.

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the the board adopt the 2022/23 Preliminary Budget and submit to the Ministry by June 30, 2022 be read for the third and final time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Election Update

The Acting Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the board package.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Report

The Superintendent spoke to meeting that occurred on June 7.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Rainer reported that Princeton Secondary will be meeting soon.

Trustee Comeau reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Hoisington reported that Nicola-Canford Elementary will meet on April 25.

Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary School.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.

Other Reports

Professional Learning Committee: What are our district initiatives to support Trustees or new Trustees. This will be further addressed at the Committee of the Whole meeting in the summer.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer

