

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 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	C. Anscorb
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	V. Chan
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Chenoweth
	Executive Assistant	D. McDermott

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

AGENDA

22/037 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

22/038

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting March 9, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****Flood Response Update (Merritt Central Elementary Presentation)**

Principal Dan Duncan and Temporary Vice-Principal Natasha Omori gave a presentation on MCE.

#SaveSoil

The Superintendent and Trustee Ward spoke to #SAVETHESOIL memo in the board package.

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning/ Strategic Plan Review

The Superintendent updated Trustees on the Enhancing Learning plans and discussed the process and development of the final Strategic Plan Report.

Provincial Online Service Provider Application

The Assistant Superintendent spoke to the memo in the board package with updates on timelines. A decision will be made in June, all distant learning schools will continue to provide service for the 2022/23 school year.

Graduation Ceremonies and Year End Activities

The Assistant Superintendent spoke to the memo in the board package and announced grad dates.

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 clerical staff
- Mental Health – Princeton Secondary School Spirit Week
- Truth and Reconciliation Study Session
- Diamond Vale and Merritt Secondary School Return Home
- Welcome to Kindergarten
- BC School Sports Award
- Learning Surveys
- Student Voice
- Vermilion Forks

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Facility Repair Update

Project Manager Doug Boyd updates on all ongoing repairs. Met with Ministry of Education adjuster and School Protection Coordinator regarding overall cost, end result was positive given the green light to engage with contractors for fencing, paving and landscaping.

Annual Facility Grant Plan

The Secretary Treasurer gave a verbal update on the Annual Facility Grant which usually expires by the end of March, the district was granted an extension until end of September. Will meet with the Operations Committee on how to prioritize projects.

Major & Minor Capital Expenditure Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer gave a verbal update on the school district's 2023/24 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submissions for Major Capital Programs and Minor Capital Programs. We will require 3 readings of the Capital Bylaw from the board to access the capital funding on the school upgrades and electrical upgrades.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN FOR MAJOR AND MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAMS 2023/24

22/039

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the **ANNUAL FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN FOR MAJOR AND MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAMS 2023/24** be read for the first and second time:

MOTION CARRIED

It was unanimous that the final reading take place.

22/040

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the **ANNUAL FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN FOR MAJOR AND MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAMS 2023/24** be read for the third and final time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2022/23 Estimated Operating Grant

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and a snapshot of the Estimated Operating Grants for 2022/23. Based on the February 2022 enrolment projections, the District will receive \$24,830,439 for the 2022/23.

2021/22 Operating Grants – February Recount

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the board package. including a recalculated Operating Grant Summary following the February 2022 enrolment count for the 2022/23 school year. Based on the February 2022 recount, there was a decrease of \$131,531 in operating funds.

2022/23 Budget Consultation

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the board package regarding the budget consultation process.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Anscomb reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. So proud receiving the sports award. Students are happy to be back at their school with normal schedules. He discussed the buildup to the first graduation ceremony in two years. Hosting the famous Battle of the Grades on April 14. Sports are finally back.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Rainer reported that Princeton Secondary will be meeting soon.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.

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

Trustee Comeau reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

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

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.

Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary School.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Allison Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Letter

Discussion around letter in the board package.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

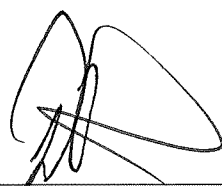
None

ADJOURNMENT

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



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer