

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learners Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Trustees	J. Jepsen J. Kent-Laidlaw E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	K. Druck K. Hartwell
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Kempston
	Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Rusnjak
	Executive Assistant	J. McGifford

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

AGENDA

23/006 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

23/007

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting December 07, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE**Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Self-Evaluation:**

The Superintendent shared the FESL Self Evaluation with those in attendance. This was an opportunity for self-reflection by the District upon receiving results from the 2021-2022 school year. He spoke to the focus areas of Data and Evidence, Strategic Engagement and Alignment.

Truth and Reconciliation – 2021/2022 How Are We Doing Report:

The Superintendent presented the 2021/2022 “How Are We Doing Report”. The information derived from this report supports us in improving education for all Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners in our District. He presented the Board with the book Wayi Wah! (Indigenous Pedagogies) by Jo Chrona and encouraged everyone to read and reflect.

Human Rights Commissioner Correspondence on School Liaison Officer Programs:

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent spoke to the letter in the Board package from the Human Rights Commissioner on School Liaison Officer Programs in the Province. Consideration was sought from the Board as to how our district should proceed with the SLO Program. The Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent will put the question to our LEA and PAC members for their feedback.

2023-2024 School Calendar:

The Superintendent presented a draft of the 2023-2024 school calendar. With Board approval, the calendar will go for public consultation.

23/008

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the draft of the 2023-2024 school calendar be approved for public consultation.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendents Report:

The Superintendent circulated his report celebrating the events and initiatives that occurred in all schools across the District this past month. He also provided an updates on Indigenous Education, Early Learning and Child Care, and Inclusive Education initiatives.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Long Range Facility Plan Update:

The Superintendent has been in contact with Riverside Learning Center regarding the grant proposal to upgrade the facility in order to support the current childcare initiatives. He spoke of our priority in maintaining the building for communities use.

Installation of the shutters at CMS will be completed in the next few weeks with the Alternate Program transitioning to the building soon after.

It is the District's intention to remain in the current School Board Office as long as feasible in consideration of the recent upgrades and repairs the building has undergone since the flood in 2021.

Busing Update:

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the Board package. The Board has decided not to move forward with any busing requests at this time due to operational constraints. He made note of the existing Transportation Assistance Program available to families in our district and encouraged parents/caregivers to reach out if needing support.

AUDIT AND FINANCE**Ministry of Education Funding Announcements / Budget Update:**

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the Board Package relating to funding announcements. He indicated a downturn in FTE, which has led to a decrease in the funding we would normally see at this time. This downturn is attributed to the flooding event in 2021. He also provided a summary of the grants provided to the District to date for the 2023-2023 school year.

Statement of Financial Information Report:

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the Board Package relating to the Statement of Financial Information Report (SOFI) that was filed as per the Financial Information Act. He provided the link to the ministry website that provides access to the report for the 2021-2022 school year.

POLICY**Policy Audit Update and New Draft Policy:**

The Superintendent provided an update on the progress of the Policy Audit and introduced three draft policies for first reading.

23/009

It was moved and seconded:

THAT Board put policies # 280, 610 and 611 forward for first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS**Trustee Reports:**

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.

Trustee Rainer presented on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola Canford Elementary.

Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Kent-Laidlaw reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Jepsen was not present to report on Diamond Vale Elementary or Merritt Central Elementary.

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

Student Trustee Reports:

Student Trustees Kabrie Hartwell and Kaelan Druck reported on Princeton Secondary School activities that occurred this past month. These included basketball start-up, Remembrance Day Ceremonies at both the school and in the community, the Princeton Posse hockey team volunteering at PSS, Legacy Fund donation, Aboriginal appreciation events, multiple Christmas events, new equipment purchases for the gymnasium and the upcoming literacy and numeracy exams.

Other Reports:**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD


None.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.



Chairperson



Secretary/Treasurer