

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)
PRINCETON SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, 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 (Absent)
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Kempston (Absent)
	Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Rusnjak
	Executive Assistant	J. McGifford

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES AND METIS COMMUNITY

AGENDA

23/025 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

23/026 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting February 8, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Field Trip Princeton Secondary School:

Princeton Secondary School Teachers Kirk McConnell and Renee Hartwell spoke to the proposed field trip to Italy in March 2024.

23/027 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board support Princeton Secondary School's proposed trip to Italy in March 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

Trades and Skills:

District Skills and Trades Coordinator, Principal Kevin McGifford, presented an update on the growth and success of the SD 58 Youth Train in Trades program over the 2022-2023 school year.

Riverside Learning Center Update:

The Superintendent provided an update on Riverside Learning Centre. Topics included The Bridge; community use of the facility; recent Leaseholder meetings; and the New Space Grant Application. The decision made on the request for proposal for Architectural Services, the request for proposal for Third Party Service Provider as well as the Ministry of Education and Childcare site visit were also discussed.

Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education

Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education, Misty Sheldon, provided her report on areas of focus and priority. She spoke to the many accomplishments made in these areas over the last six months.

Local Education Agreement Update:

Superintendent McNiven provided an update on Community Meetings, the Regional First Nations Steering Committee Sessions, student data sharing and reviews, the progress made on the new Indigenous Programs and Services manual, and the upcoming Local Education Agreement meeting on March 14, 2023.

French Immersion Program Update:

The Superintendent spoke to the chart in the Board Package that outlined the concerns brought forward by French Immersion families last month and provided an update on the action taken thus far.

2023-2024 District Calendar:

The Superintendent brought forward the 2023-2024 Calendar for the Board's approval to be submitted to the Ministry of Education for their approval.

23/028

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2023-2024 Calendar be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendents Report:

The Superintendent provided his report reflecting on the many events that occurred across the district over the past month. He expressed thanks to our Learning Commons Teachers for supporting reading across the district.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Merritt Central Elementary Flood Damage Repairs:

Secretary Treasurer Richardson spoke to the memo in the Board Package that outlines the ongoing work and progress made in the flood restorations to Merritt Central Elementary School.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enrolment Projections:

The Secretary Treasurer provided Trustees with the three-year estimated enrolments that were submitted to the Ministry on Feb 15, 2023. These projections are used by the Ministry to prepare for the 2023/2024 preliminary operating grants that construct the 2023/2024 annual budget.

Dates of Public consultation on 2023/2024 Budget:

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the memo in the board package and discussed the Budget Planning Process for the 2023/2024 Annual (Preliminary) Budget.

POLICY

Policy Development:

The Superintendent spoke to the memo in the board package that outlined the suggested amendments to Policies 611, 610 and 280. Trustees had the opportunity to review and discuss the suggested amendments. The Superintendent will draft an updated version of each policy incorporating the proposed changes. Once ready, the amended policies will be available for public feedback for approximately three weeks before going to the Board for second reading in April.

TRUSTEE REPORTS**Student Trustee Reports:**

Student Trustee Kaelan Druck reported on Princeton Secondary School activities.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.

Trustee Rainer did not report on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Hoisington reported that Nicola Canford Elementary PAC meets next week.

Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Kent-Laidlaw reported on Princeton Secondary School.

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

Trustee Swan reported that Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary School will meet next week.

Aboriginal Advisory Council Update:

Superintendent McNiven presented on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting that took place January 31, 2023.

Other Reports:

Board Chair Swan reported on the recent BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting and the upcoming election of Executive Members.

Trustee Rainer provided an update from the recent BCPSEA Provincial Council and OLRC meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer