

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 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 (Absent) L. Ward D. Rainer (Absent)
	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

22/022 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

22/023 It was moved and seconded:

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

MOTION CARRIED

Business arising from the Minutes
None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation – Merritt Secondary School (Dual Credits / Trades Program)

Leroy Slanzi

Presentation – MSS Trades Program Proposal

- Youth Train in Trades – Level 1 Foundations – Grade 11
- Youth Work in Trades – 11A/ 11B/ 12A/ 12B – Grade 12
- Dual Credits – NVIT/MSS
- The Vision – Academic Trades Teacher MSS/ Level 1/Level 2

Graduation requirements – Can We?

- Offer all graduation pre-requisites through a generalist teacher to ensure the students meet the requirements.

Presentation – John Allison Elementary (Literacy / Numeracy)

Sandee Blair

Presentation on John Allison Elementary – Term 2

- More time spent on Language Arts and Math and less time on Science, Socials and ADST, resume regular schedule in final term
- Moving teacher capacity to direct small group learning assistance for students who need it most
- “all hands on deck” to deliver a 2nd daily guided reading group for all grade 2’s.
- Re-visit and adjust all learning assistance groups
- Non-academic activities on “pause”
- Preserve outside play time and Fine Arts for many reasons including how much it contributes to mental health

Presentation on Fall vs. Spring PM Benchmark reading assessment results with general student population and FN student population.

Presentation – what’s next?

- How are we doing in math? Using snap assessment recommended by the district, very helpful
- What other factors – that we can pay attention to – affect results? (mental health, attendance, family support), to individual students, groups of students and families.
- One to one reading – starting again, to re-engage students
- Collaboration time – not able to because so short staffed
- tier of intervention plans – whole school, small groups and how are we doing it
- professional development

Gleneagles Secondary school fundraised enough money to donate to buy a book for every student and will be sending them home at spring break.

Discussion on the Literacy and Numbers

Presentation – Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent shared presentation regarding strategic plan update, getting back to enhancing learning; aspiration document available on school district website. Want to get back to meeting with Strategic Plan Committee soon.

2022-2023 District Calendar

Superintendent spoke to district calendar in board package, have gone through the consultation process, need approval today from the board.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT CALENDAR AND ADVANCE IT TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

22/024

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board approved the 2022-2023 District Calendar and advance it to the Ministry of Education for final approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Communicable Disease Prevention Update

Assistant Superintendent shared a presentation; no changes for processes.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report informed the Trustees on the important work the District has been working on:

- Thank you to operations staff for support through these challenging months
- Mental Health – Pink Shirt Day – lift each other up
- Truth and Reconciliation – important announcement re: graduation requirement
- Addressing conflict in Ukraine – links
- Dual credit
- Supporting Literacy and Numeracy
- Kindergarten registration
- Learning survey data – help plan for future, survey for all staff, student and parents
- Flood response update
- Rapid tests available for both staff and students

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Long Range Facility Plan Update

Superintendent shares that a more wholesome report to come in April or May board meeting

- Long Range Facility Plan Recommendations
- School District Priorities Moving Forward

Facility Repair Update and Relocation Plan

Assistant Superintendent spoke to memo in board package regarding facilities update.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joint First Nation Student Transportation Plan Funding

Secretary Treasurer spoke to memo and attachment in board package, will be meeting with local chiefs and LEA to discuss further. 2022/23 Joint plan due to the Ministry on May 20, 2022.

Enrolment Projections

Superintendent spoke to memo in board package.

Board Motion – Certificate of Approval

Secretary Treasurer spoke to memo in board.

MOTION TO APPROVE EMAIL APPROVAL OF COA

22/025 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board approved the email approval regarding the Certificate of Approval.

MOTION CARRIED

April Dates of Public Consultation on 2022/23 Budget

Secretary Treasurer spoke to document provided in board package regarding April dates on budget planning process.

MOTION TO APPROVE DATES AND TIMES

22/026 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board approved the dates and times of the Budget Planning Process – 2022/2023 Annual Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student trustees – not available

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

- Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.
- Trustee Ward reported on John Allison Elementary
- Trustee Jepsen reported on Diamond Vale Elementary and Merritt Central Elementary.
- Trustee Hoisington reported no updates for Nicola-Canford Elementary.

Other reports

Policy Committee Report

- Met this week,
- committed to do an annual policy review,
- new policies upcoming regarding electronic files and Truth and Reconciliation

Branch Meeting

- we are scheduled to host meeting in October, we would like to take some time to decide whether we can host or pass

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

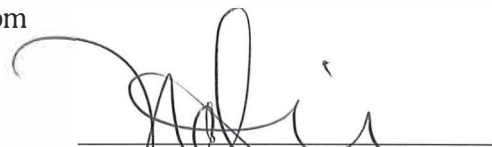
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ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer