

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020, 6:05 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Swan
	Trustees	B. Jepsen G. Comeau E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	K. Moyes C. Ancomb
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

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

AGENDA

20/134 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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20/135 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting October 14, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**ELECTION OF BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Board Chair called for nominations for the position of BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council Representative.

Trustee Chenoweth was nominated.

20/136 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Trustee Chenoweth be appointed as the BCSTA Provincial Council representative for the District.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vice-Chair Comeau will remain the alternate representative for the BCSTA Provincial Council.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE**School District No. 58 / Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Student Transition Positions Presentation**

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Jennifer Lisle of the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and Dave Anderson of Merritt Secondary School. Each are currently assisting students with transitions from high school to post secondary education. These positions were created as more supports were needed for students to increase the transition rates in the District. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Lisle explained the work they have done since taking on their roles as Post Secondary Transition Support Teachers. They also provided the Board with recent graduate success stories and their goals for the year ahead.

Stage 2 Pandemic Response Update Presentation

The Superintendent circulated a memo and presented on the November 2020 Stage 2 update. In his presentation, he provided an overview of the health and safety protocols, learning support, well-being, enrolment/attendance, challenges and successes, student and staff communications, and the priorities moving forward.

Remembrance Day Assemblies Presentation

The Assistant Superintendent distributed a memo and provided Trustees with a presentation of a virtual Remembrance Day Assembly from John Allison Elementary School. He reminded the Board that winter concerts will be held in a similar fashion.

Princeton Secondary School Recycling Presentation Follow-Up

The Assistant Superintendent provided a memo with a follow-up on the Princeton Secondary School students October 14, 2020 presentation to the Board on a school recycling program. The students have been working to secure recycling vendors for

all of the Princeton schools and are planning to present on the importance of recycling to younger grades

Governor General Academic Medal Recipient

The Assistant Superintendent distributed a memo and a letter from the Governor General awarding Renée Kalkman with the Governor General Award. Ms. Kalkman has been a South Central Interior Distance Education student since 2016. The Board wishes her well in her future endeavors.

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 our First Nations Support Workers' commitment
- Remembrance Day recognized across the District
- Authors virtually visiting the District
- Staying healthy at MSS and PSS with fitness and athletic opportunities
- World Kindness Day on November 13
- Recognition to all 4 Student Trustees
- Mental Health Grant plan
- Esports Trial at BC High School Sports
- Operations Department appreciation
- Inclement weather has arrived

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Long Range Facility Plan Presentation

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided a memo to the Board, and the Superintendent provided a visual overview of the key observations, recommendations and next steps for the Long Range Facility Plan. He delivered a presentation on the Ministry of Education Expectations, Guiding Principles, Community Demographics, Student Enrolment Projections, Enrolment and Capacity Analysis and Facility Condition Assessments. With the data collected from these areas of the Long Range Facility Plan, he provided the District's recommendations which include addressing the overage capacity at Merritt Bench Elementary, completing a needs assessment and potential application for Childcare BC Funding for childcare centres in both Merritt and Princeton, and supporting capital expenditures by reducing costs through the review of surplus properties and sale of prioritized surplus properties. The final recommendation is to engage in a consultation process for a potential relocation of Kengard Learning Centre, maintenance and technology departments, and the District Administration and board office staff all to the Coquihalla Middle School location with a target date of September 2022.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

BC Tripartite Education Agreement – Transportation Funds

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and discussed the 2019/20 grant of \$53,479 for First Nation Student Transportation, based on a joint submission with the First Nation partners. The 2019/20 Audited Financial Statements show that the District spent \$20,212 of this grant, leaving a surplus \$33,267. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the District will not apply for additional BCTEA funds for 2020/21, as the surplus of \$33,267 is adequate for this year.

Mentorship Funds

The Secretary Treasurer provided a memo for Trustees and explained the details of the Mentorship Program Grant. The Assistant Superintendent described that the District received \$50,000 (\$40,000 for NVTU and \$10,000 for PDTU) to provide teacher mentorship for both new teachers and new to our District teachers to reach instructional excellence.

POLICY COMMITTEE

901.5 Video Surveillance at School Sites Policy

The Assistant Superintendent provided a memo and the draft policy 901.5 Video Surveillance at School Sites to allow for video surveillance in specific circumstances and the protocols to do so with the intention to apply to potential outdoor surveillance, not surveillance within the schools. He also provided a procedural document to accompany the policy.

20/137 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following draft policy be read for a second time:

- 901.5 Video Surveillance at School Sites

MOTION CARRIED

20/138 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following draft policy be read for a third and final time, finally passed and adopted:

- 901.5 Video Surveillance at School Sites

MOTION CARRIED

Revised 603.2 Field Trip Experiences Policy

The Assistant Superintendent provided a memo and draft revised policy on 603.2 Field Trip Experiences to include language that will require all out of province and out of country field trips purchase the fully refundable travel insurance.

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised 603.2 Field Trip Experiences policy be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.

Trustee Rainer reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Comeau reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

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

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary.

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Moyes reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. She discussed the new system of having only one class per day. Most students believe the new system is going very well and agree that teachers are making the best of it. Leadership and Sports Management classes have not been created yet. Spirit Week has been set up for students and staff with new themes each week. Grad meetings have begun, and many ideas have been brought forward on how grad could look this year.

Student Trustee Anscomb reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. He updated the board on the status of sports. Girls' 8, 9, 10 volleyball teams have been created along with a senior girls' volleyball team. There is also a boys' grade 8-12 volleyball team. Girls field hockey is very popular this year. And esports is gaining popularity. Student Trustee Anscomb passed along a thank you from athletic department to Mr. Cavaliere for his hard work in this area.

BC School Trustees' Association Academy

Trustee Ward spoke to the Board about the upcoming BCSTA Academy on November 27-28, 2020.

Other Reports

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Chairman


Secretary Treasurer