

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learners Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Vice-Chair	L. Ward
	Trustees	J. Jepsen J. Kent-Laidlaw E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth (Virtually) D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	M. Williams S. Pioquid
	Superintendent	C. Lawrance (Virtually)
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Kempston (Virtually)
	Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Rusnjak
	Executive Assistant	J. McGifford (Absent)

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer recorded the meeting minutes for the open meeting November 13, 2024.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES AND METIS COMMUNITY

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24/164

It was moved by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Jensen

THAT the minutes of the Open Meeting held October 9, 2024, be adopted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

Report of the Closed Meeting held October 9, 2024.

EDUCATION

Indigenous Education Councils (IEC):

Superintendent Lawrance spoke to the IEC policy released in August 2024, reporting that the School District's IEC will need to make a few minor changes to conform to the new structure requirements set forth by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Required changes to the IEC will be completed by the end of Spring Break

Inclusive Education Update:

The Superintendent presented the written report submitted by Director of Instruction - Inclusive Education Misty Sheldon, highlighting the hands-on POPARD training sessions with teachers, and an in-district training session with Jenny Williams, a former Ministry of Education and Child Care auditor, who provided directions to our school teams on how Inclusive Education files should be organized and maintained.

Indigenous Education Update:

Superintendent Lawrance presented the written report provided by Director of Instruction – Indigenous Education Shelley Oppenheim-Lacerte, highlighting that the Indigenous Welcome Signs have been installed at the entrance to each school. There was a Culture Camp on October 25th at Shackan First Nation, where participants learned about the history of its Chiefs, toured the green houses and the Welcome Centre, learned about the culture and traditions of sweat lodges, and finished the day making traditional medicine bags and tea. The Culture Camp was a great day full of building connections and time spent on the land.

Early Learning and Childcare:

The Superintendent presented the written report submitted by District Vice Principal of Early Learning and Child Care Daniella Bennie, which highlighted the community benefits of the Strong Start programs and expressed appreciation for the collective efforts towards all of our District's Early Learning programs.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent circulated her report and spoke about the various events that have taken place across the School District over the past month.

OPERATIONS:**District Website RFP:**

The Secretary Treasurer gave an update and a summary of the enclosed Request for Proposal (RFP) for the School District and school-based websites.

24/165

It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw

THAT the Board approve and publish the Request for Proposal (RFP) for district and school-based websites.

MOTION**CARRIED****AUDIT AND FINANCE****Quarterly Update:**

The Secretary Treasurer provided Trustees with a quarterly budget update on the School District's spending for the first quarter of the school year, July 1 – September 30, 2024.

POLICY**Policies for Approval:**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the four policies that are being recommended for approval from the School District's Policy Committee. The policies were previously sent out for consultation with the School District's partner groups and are now coming back for final approval.

24/166

It was moved by Trustee Hoisington and seconded by Trustee Jepsen

THAT the Board approve Policy 3.10 Student Expectations & Behaviours, as presented for final reading and approval.

MOTION CARRIED

24/167

It was moved by Trustee Hoisington and seconded by Trustee Jepsen

THAT the Board move Policy 3.30, Student Fees and Deposits, as presented for final reading and approval.

MOTION CARRIED

24/168

It was moved by Trustee Hoisington and seconded by Trustee Jepsen

THAT the Board approve Policy 3.31, Financial Hardship, as presented for final reading and approval.

MOTION CARRIED

24/169 It was moved by Trustee Hoisington and seconded by Trustee Jepsen

THAT the Board approve Policy 3.70, Co-curricular and Extra Curricula Activities, as presented for final reading and approval.

MOTION CARRIED**Policies for Temporary Change:**

Secretary Treasurer Richardson presented two policies that have been recommended by senior staff for temporary change, until the policies can be formally reviewed by the Policy Committee.

24/170 It was moved by Trustee Chenoweth and seconded by Trustee Jepsen

THAT the Board approve Policy 1004.1, Public Use of Facilities, for temporary change as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

24/171 It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Jepsen

THAT the Board approve Policy 202.5, Signing Officers, for temporary change as presented

MOTION CARRIED**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS**Student Trustee Reports:**

Student Trustees provided the Board with their thoughts on their own journeys in Truth and Reconciliation, what has been impactful for them as students, and what opportunities for learning they would like to see more of in school, and why. Student Trustees spoke about what they've learned about the residential school system, and First Nations peoples.

P.A.C Reports:

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola Canford Elementary.

Trustee Rainer reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettsville Elementary.

Trustee Kent-Laidlaw reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Jepsen reported on Merritt Central Elementary and Diamond Vale Elementary.
Chair Swan presented on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary School.
Trustee Ward reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Branch Meeting Report:

Trustee Ward provided a report on the regional branch meeting in Revelstoke on November 4th, 2024.

Other Reports:

Trustee Rainer provided a report on the Provincial Council meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT:

24/172

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Jepsen. The Open meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer

