

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	R. Gage T. Kroeker D. Laird D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Superintendent	R. Peacock
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black (Sick)
	Assistant Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

12/038

GAGE-SWAN

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES

12/039

RAINER-WARD

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held February 8, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Princeton Secondary School Hockey Skills Academy

Princeton Secondary School Principal Sandee Blair presented information gathered by both herself and Kirk McConnell for the establishment of a hockey academy for Princeton Secondary School via Hockey Skills Canada.

Ms. Blair spoke about the enthusiastic support and valuable information provided by Hockey Skills Canada (HSC) for the formation of the PSS Hockey Skills Academy. To start the process HSC would need to receive three letters endorsing the Princeton Academy from the following groups: Local Minor Hockey Association, Princeton Secondary School and the Superintendent, to be received prior to April 30, 2012.

The annual fee for the program is \$1,000 plus \$25/student for liability coverage. This fee would entitle the PSS Academy access to Hockey Skills Canada coaching assistance, use of the Hockey Skills Canada logo, curriculum and resources. Rather than going the locally developed course route, with an academy, costs can be recovered from students. The HSC costs would be covered with a minimum of 12 students enrolled. The cost per student would be \$150; which would include the student's ice time. The program would run during the first semester via two courses, Hockey Skills 10 for Grades 9 & 10 and Hockey Skills 12 for Grades 11 & 12. The courses would be open to both genders and students from both PSS and The Bridge.

12/040

SWAN-WARD

THAT the Princeton Secondary School Hockey Academy be approved and a letter in support of the Academy be provided for submission to Hockey Skills Canada from the Superintendent.

CARRIED

Presentation: Princeton Secondary School Europe Field Trip

Sandee Blair provided an update to the Princeton Secondary School Europe Field Trip booked for March 23, 2012 to April 5, 2012. Ten students (three boys; seven girls) in grades 10 – 12 will be chaperoned by Kirk and Tanya McConnell. The trip will include Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Paris.

Reconfiguration Update

The Superintendent provided information regarding the first two public meetings. Both meetings were well attended by the public and submissions of 60 emails providing feedback on the two options presented. The next public consultation is scheduled for March 22, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at MSS multi-purpose room. The second presentation is now posted on the School District website.

LEA Update

The Superintendent provided an update on the current Local Education Agreement process. The four Thompson bands: Coldwater, Lower Nicola, Nooaitch and Shackan will be included in one LEA and the Upper Nicola Band will be covered by a separate LEA recognizing that the band is Okanagan. To date, there has been three meetings for the Thompson LEA with the next meeting scheduled late April 2012. The wording of both LEA's shall be similar but recognizing their traditional language and it is hoped the agreements shall be completed by the end of the school year.

Bargaining Update

Trustees Swan and Ward left the meeting at this time.

CUPE Contract

Trustee Laird spoke about the local CUPE contract bargaining process which resulted in the local CUPE members ratifying this agreement at 96%. The contract maintained the zero mandate as stipulated by the provincial government and covers the school years 2010 – 2012. The final step will be for BCPSEA to ratify this contract.

12/041

LAIRD-RAINER

THAT the Board ratify the Memorandum of Agreement for CUPE Local 847 Contract to June 2012.

CARRIED

Trustees Swan and Ward returned to the meeting.

Teachers' Contract

The Superintendent provided information about the Bill 22 passage through the provincial legislature. The Bill is expected to be passed tomorrow (April 15th) and be fully enacted with the royal assent within 72 hours. The BCTF AGM is scheduled for this upcoming weekend.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent recognized the success of the PSS Senior Girls Basketball team 'Rebels' finishing third place in the Provincial 'A' Championship held in Prince George March 7 – 10, 2012. PSS will be holding a school prep rally in recognition of the Rebels success. The Superintendent will attend the rally Friday morning; and that a letter from the Board be given to the Rebels' Coaches, Rob Marshall and Colleen Stevens, thanking them for all their time and effort coaching the Rebels.

The Superintendent highlighted the success of the following MSS students in the Skills Canada Regional Competition: Mary Jo Michell, 3rd Place Culinary Arts; Tommy Plotnikoff, 3rd Place Electrical and Justin Thompson, 1st Place Automotive

Competition. Justin will be moving on to the Provincial Competition. The Superintendent recognized the efforts of the MSS Shop teachers Greg Hodgson and Frazer Smith.

The Board viewed a clip from "Canada's Got Talent" featuring local CMS student Cameron Snee performing a beautiful rendition of 'Danny Boy'. There was a film crew in at CMS interviewing the school staff for subsequent episodes of the TV program.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Capital Project Bylaw No. 114741 – Bus Replacement

Capital funding available for the purchase of a new school bus.

12/042

LAIRD - RAINER

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 114741 specifying a maximum expenditure of \$100,890.98 for Project No. 114741 be read a first, second, third time, finally passed and adopted.

CARRIED

Budget Update

A summary of budget comparisons 2011/2012 final to 2012/2013 preliminary was distributed depicting the current and new funding categories for 2012/2013. As expected, the base funding for 2012/2013 will come in at 98.5% of current years' funding protection. Base funding amount with funding protection for preliminary budget 2012/2013 will be \$24,012,215.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

PAC Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary and Merritt Bench Elementary Schools, Trustee Kroeker for Coquihalla Middle School and Collettville Elementary School, Trustee Gage for Diamond Vale and Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Laird for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for Princeton Secondary School and Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School.

Other Reports

Trustees reviewed the success of the BCSTA Branch Meeting held in Merritt February 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE

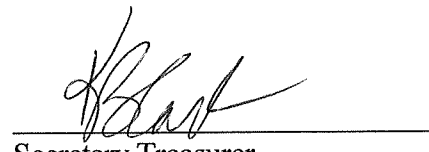
A response was received to the district's letter to Argo Road Maintenance regarding the Princeton bus routes and road maintenance.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Dawn Johnson, Similkameen News Leader requested confirmation of the CUPE bargaining dates held: Feb 15/16, 2012; and she expressed her gratitude to this school district for the support received via the use of PSS for the Spirit Festival.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Chairman
Secretary Treasurer