

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer L. Ward
	Student Trustees	Marcus Brodie Sylvie Druck
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

18/023 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

18/024 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 17, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Princeton Secondary School – Find Your Fit

Princeton Secondary School students spoke to a Find Your Fit presentation that was held by WorkBC for the school, matching their skills to possible future careers.

Presentation: Literacy 2021 – Joyful Literacy

District Principal Jane Kempston presented to the Board on Literacy 2021 – Joyful Literacy. Based on the book by Dr. Janet Mort and with the collaborative expertise of Mr. Mike Mackay, Joyful Literacy has been adopted by School District No. 58 practice.

Amended Calendar 2017/2018

The Superintendent circulated a briefing note explaining an amendment of the current calendar requires a non-instructional day and non-instructional period totalling 5 hours be implemented. The amended 2017/2018 calendar can be accessed on the district website.

Calendar 2018/2019

The Superintendent distributed a memorandum and discussed the 2018/2019 District Calendar will be uploaded to the district website for notification and feedback.

18/025

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the public be notified of the 2018/2019 calendar for feedback and returned for final approval at the March 14, 2018 Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

March 2018 Board Meeting

It was discussed that the March 14, 2018 Board Meeting take place in Lower Nicola, BC. A notice will be sent out to the Trustees, Student Trustees, public and the media with the revised location.

Field Trips

18/026

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Merritt Secondary Outdoor Ed 10 Ice Fishing and Practical and Field Experience field trip to Matthew or Garcia Lake, Merritt, BC on February 19, 2018 be approved;

Merritt Secondary Grade 10 to 12 Leadership Students field trip to Rock Ridge Canyon in Princeton, BC on June 4 to 6, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent reported on the following activities happening in the district:

Parent Presentations

- Educational Transformation (What Does the New Curriculum Mean for Your Children – February 22, 2018
- Understanding Anxiety and Your Kids (Merritt) – February 23, 2018
- Raising Digitally Responsible Youth (Princeton) – March 6, 2018
- Raising Digitally Responsible Youth (Merritt) – March 7, 2018
- Public Education as a System (PAC and DPAC Involvement) / Post-Secondary Changes – March 13, 2018
- TBS – Understanding Anxiety and Your Kids (Princeton) \$800
- TBS – Worksafe

Past and Upcoming Events

- Aboriginal Youth Leadership Conference
- Elementary Basketball Tournament
- Regular Board Meeting
- Calendar Amendment
- 2018/2019 Calendar
- Policy Updates
- Smoking / Tobacco / Vaping
- Professional Development Day
- Understanding anxiety
- Restorative Justice / Restitution
- Literacy 20/21
- First Nations Drumming Celebration
- Elementary Robotics
- Winter Activities
- Skating
- Downhill skiing
- X country skiing
- Carnival
- Quebec Field Trip was a success
- Culture Camp Study Sessions

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**Solar Power**

The Chair discussed it is not an appropriate time nor cost effective to purchase solar panels for the District's secondary schools. The project has been removed from further discussion.

POLICY COMMITTEE**Draft Policies:**

18/027 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following policies be read for a first time:

- 807.1 – Budget Monitoring and Reporting
- 400.12 Whistle Blower
- 502.5 Smoking-Vaping and the Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18/028 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following policy be brought back to the Policy Committee for revisions:

- 502.5 Smoking-Vaping and the Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**2017/2018 Amended Annual Budget**

The Secretary Treasurer distributed the Amended Annual Budget for June 30, 2018 and explained the budget surplus and deficit.

18/029 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2017/2018 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$31,782,883 be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that final reading take place.

18/030 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2017/2018 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$31,782,883 be read a third and final time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Diamond Vale, Merritt Secondary and Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School and SCIDES, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Ward for Princeton Secondary School, and Trustee Comeau for Vermilion Forks Elementary School meeting.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Brodie reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. The senior athletics are very busy and successful. Course selections for next school year are being decided. The school has seen vandalism. Candy-o-grams were sent out on February 14, 2018 to promote the spring fling dance.

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. The Trades and Arts program will be hosting a Find Your Fit presentation. First Nations students toured Thompson Rivers University. Student Youth Conference was hosted in Merritt. The school saw a performance by a local author and a smudging ceremony.

Other Reports

Okanagan Labour Relations Council has brought in a lawyer from Harris & Company to speak with Trustees regarding the legalization of marijuana.

CORRESPONDENCE

WeCare Crew

The Merritt Secondary School WeCare Crew is seeking the Board's support to create weather proof boxes and fill them with donated sports equipment at various recreational areas around Merritt.

Aboriginal Education

The District has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to support development of teaching and student-use learning resources to address Indigenous language learning curriculum and programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



 Chairman



 Secretary Treasurer