

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	Tyler Thomson Carter Davie
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

18/041 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

18/042 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held February 14, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Truth & Reconciliation

District Principal for Aboriginal Education introduced Willard Wallace and Leona Dumont for prayer and drumming presentation. Shelley welcomed Doreen Stirling to speak on Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action.

Presentation: Interior Health Smoking & Cessation Policy

Jeff Conners, Interior Health Authority, presented on Tobacco Use & Health. Focus was on policy language for tobacco use, vaping and the legalization of cannabis.

2018/2019 District Calendar Approval

The Superintendent circulated a memorandum explaining the Ministry of Education required number of non-instructional days and the District's 2018/2019 draft calendar for the Board's approval.

18/043 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board approves the 2018/2019 calendar be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

French Immersion Enrolment

The Superintendent distributed a memorandum and discussed the high enrolment for kindergarten at Collettsville Elementary School for 2018/2019 French Immersion program. It was suggested that due to the difficulty in finding full-time French Immersion teachers, that the Board create a waiting list for any enrolment over 28 kindergarten children and put a cap on the enrolment for kindergarten at Collettsville Elementary School at 28 students.

18/044 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board create a waitlist for any enrolment over 28 kindergarten students and put in place a cap of 28 kindergarten students permitted to be enrolled at Collettsville Elementary School. The public is to be notified of this new protocol.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Strategic Plan Update

The Superintendent distributed a memorandum and discussed the request for Trustee feedback on Café invitations.

Field Trips

18/045

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Merritt Secondary Outdoor experience for all students (to a max of 40 students) Ice Fishing field trip to Kane Valley – Chicken or Upper Second Lake, Merritt, BC on March 16, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent's Report

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

- Vermilion Forks Elementary students attending the Skills BC Competition at Thompson Rivers University for bridge building. They received a grant to pay for the transportation of the students to the competition.
- Local Chief meeting was successful.
- Culture Camp presentation with Dr. John Chenoweth was positive.
- After School Sports and Arts Initiative program received their annual grant and their enrollment has increased since opening up to more locations. The hope is to open in Princeton next.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MSS Pride Club / Aboriginal Youth Voice – Rainbow Crosswalk Request

The Superintendent distributed a memorandum to follow-up with the request put forward to the City of Merritt by the Merritt Secondary School Pride Club and Aboriginal Youth Voice. Administration will not approach the City of Merritt to further press the request of a rainbow crosswalk. They will meet with the MSS Pride Club and Aboriginal Youth Voice to discuss ideas on what the students would like to see incorporated on school property. Administration will update the Board on their decision and progress.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Draft Policies:

18/046 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following policies be read for a second time:

- 807.1 – Budget Monitoring and Reporting
- 400.12 Whistle Blower

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18/047 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following policies be read for a third and final reading:

- 807.1 – Budget Monitoring and Reporting
- 400.12 Whistle Blower

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2018/2019 Budget Process

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a Draft Budget Planning Process document and discussed the proposed dates for budget presentations to members of the public, Parent Advisory Councils, District Parent Advisory Councils, teacher and support staff unions, and Principals.

18/048 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the proposed dates be approved to present the 2018/2019 budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regional Funding Model Review Sessions

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a letter from the Ministry of Education Deputy Minister Scott MacDonald dated March 1, 2018. The letter includes a schedule of Regional Working Sessions throughout the Province. School District No. 58 will attend the Kamloops session on April 13, 2018.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, and Trustee Comeau for Vermilion Forks Elementary School meeting.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Carter Davie reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. The track team is starting to practice for the season. The female rugby team has started practicing in the gym to avoid the muddy fields. The school is trying to put together a tennis team, golf team, ultimate frisbee team and downhill mountain biking team. Funds have been received to update the bike park beside the RCMP station.

Student Trustee Tyler Thomson reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. Dry Grad 2-night trip has been booked to Revelstoke to visit the dam, hot springs and hike. Fundraising for Dry Grad has started with gas card raffle tickets. The spring dance took place on March 14, 2018. February 28th Anti-Bullying Day raised over \$600 to go towards the Kids Help Line.

Other Reports

SCIDES

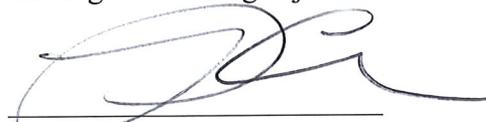
South Central Interior Distance Education School (SCIDES) has created videos of the staff and school for social media.

Board Photos

Executive Assistant, Sarah Blonde, to locate recent photographs of the Board or to schedule new photos to be taken at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



 Chairman



 Secretary Treasurer