

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020, 6:03 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow on the Traditional Territories of the Nte?kepmux and Syilx

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	B. Jepsen G. Swan E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward
	Student Trustees	S. Druck R. Forde
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Chenoweth
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

20/087 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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20/088 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the revised minutes of the Regular meeting held May 13, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Belize Field Trip

The Assistant Superintendent circulated a memo and reviewed the Belize field trip that is scheduled for Spring 2021 for Merritt Secondary School students. The trip was approved in principle at the October 2019 board meeting. It is recommended that the approval for this trip be cancelled and resubmitted for a trip within Canada or postponed until 2022.

Student Trustee Recognition

The Assistant Superintendent distributed a memo and wanted to recognize Student Trustees Nicolas Willey and Sylvie Druck, who will be graduating this year. The Board will not be able to honor the Student Trustees as they have in previous years, due to COVID-19, but would like to provide them with letters of reference, gift them their iPads used for board meetings and thank them for their engagement as Student Trustees.

Presentation: Transition Support Team

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Dave Andersen of Merritt Secondary School and Jennifer Lisle of the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. Mr. Andersen and Ms. Lisle described their new positions as post-secondary transitions coordinators. Mr. Andersen helps students investigate and assists with pathways to post-secondary. Ms. Lisle provides financial and application assistance transitioning into post-secondary. They each shared their success stories from both Merritt and Princeton students.

COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent provided Trustees with a memo and a presentation on the District's move to Stage 3 of the COVID-19 pandemic response. He focussed on the following areas:

- Health and Safety
- In-Class Instruction
- Learning Opportunities
- Supports for Essential Service Workers
- Transportation
- School Meal Programs
- Communication to Parents/Caregivers

The Superintendent reviewed the guiding principles, what it looks like for both staff and students that have returned to school, and that the District has worked with the local governments to re-open parks and playgrounds.

Graduation

The Assistant Superintendent circulated a memo and explained the Merritt Secondary School, Princeton Secondary School, and Kengard Learning Centre graduation activities. A few of the memorable activities planned for graduates include portraits of graduates being hung in local business windows, Principals travelling to graduates homes to deliver diplomas and graduation gowns, and arranging for graduates to walk across a stage to accept their diplomas in a safe and socially distanced manner.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent circulated a Superintendent's Report and informed on the important work the District has been working on:

- Health and Safety
(health checks, sanitizing and hand washing stations, limited seating options, social distancing, and transportation)
- Supporting Children of Essential Service Workers
- Supporting Vulnerable Students
- Providing Ongoing Learning Opportunities
- Everyone Makes a Difference

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Website Update

The Assistant Superintendent circulated a memo and discussed the district's plans to refresh and improve the district website within the current platform to meet the needs of the community. If staff are unable to make the appropriate changes needed, a website designer will be hired.

Long-Range Facility Plan

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and the Superintendent informed the Board that Cascade Facilities Management has completed the process of preparing the Long-Range Facility Plan. A detailed review of the plan and any recommendations will be completed by the Board and shared with the Ministry of Education.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Five-Year Capital Plan

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo and a summary of the Draft 2021/22 Annual Capital Plan.

20/089

It was moved and seconded:

THAT in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan for 2021/2022, as provided on the attached Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2021/2022 submitted to the Ministry of Education, in the amount of \$1,375,000.

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TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Reports

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary. There were no other PAC meetings to report.

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Forde reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. Student Council has created an Instagram account. All blankets have been delivered that were ordered.

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. A Student Council blog has been created. She is excited to graduate this year and thanked the Board for their guidance and support. Student Trustee is grateful to have been a part of the Board for the past three years. Because of her participation as a Student Trustee, she received a \$5,000 scholarship to Okanagan College in Penticton.

Aboriginal Advisory Council Update

Trustee Chenoweth provided the Board with an update on the Aboriginal Advisory Council. The meeting was well attended. There was much discussion around the Nicola-Canford Language / Cultural Program with considerable support.

Other Reports

The Board Chair reminded Trustees that the Thompson-Okanagan local branch face-to-face meeting has been cancelled but may be rescheduled for a virtual meeting.

He also provided OLRC updates and will report out after his Board Chairs virtual meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary Treasurer