

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Trustees	B. Jepsen G. Comeau E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	K. Moyes C. Anscomb
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Chenoweth
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES AND
METIS COMMUNITY**

AGENDA

21/025 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

21/026

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised minutes of the Regular meeting February 10, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE**Kindness Project Presentation**

The Assistant Superintendent introduced District Principal Jane Kempston who presented to the Board on the Kindness Projects happening throughout the District. Examples of the inspiring projects included Operation Care Package, Lifted Spirits, Environmental Protection Plan Club, Kindness Benches, Project Mason Jar and We Will Rock You.

Trades/Skills Presentation

The Assistant Superintendent introduced Principal Kevin McGifford who presented to the Board on the Trades and Skills learning opportunities throughout the District. He provided an overview of the foundation training and apprenticeship model.

2021-2022 School Calendar

The Superintendent distributed a memo and provided Trustees with the final 2021/2022 District Calendar, approved by Ministry of Education on March 1, 2021.

COVID-19 Update

The Assistant Superintendent provided the Board with a COVID-19 presentation. He updated the Board with a pandemic update regarding the communities within the district and the district's response plan and protocols.

Strategic Planning Update

The Superintendent provided a memo with information regarding the final stage of the consultation process taking place on March 9, 2021 with Imagineacircle. The final report will be brought forward to the Board for recommendations before being submitted to the Ministry.

Education Committee Terms of Reference

The Superintendent provided the Board with a Draft Education Committee Terms of Reference for review.

21/027

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Education Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting between Local Chiefs and Trustees

Superintendent McNiven informed the Board that the meeting with the local Chiefs will be rescheduled after the local Chief and Council elections in April 2021 with a potential date of early May 2021.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Thank You to Teachers
- Red Light Runner Campaign
- Strategic Planning
- Student Learning Survey
- Spring Break

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Long-Range Facility Plan

The Secretary Treasurer provided a memo and the Superintendent reviewed the potential disposal of surplus property public consultation meeting scheduled for April 12, 2021.

COVID-19 Poster Contest Update

The Secretary Treasurer circulated a memo reporting that 33 winners have been selected for the COVID-19 Poster Contest. A list of winners and the winning posters will be posted to the District's website.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enrolment Projections

Secretary Treasurer Ross provided the board with a memo and the 2020/21 projected interim enrolment figures from both the District and the Ministry of Education.

Indigenous Funding Letter

The Secretary Treasurer distributed a memo advising the Board that the Ministry of Education has approved the Targeted Funding of \$121,577 to be brought forward to the 2020/2021 School Year with the condition to spend the funds on Indigenous Education programs.

Safe Return to Class Fund

The Secretary Treasurer provided the Board with a memo and information from the Ministry of Education confirming the final holdback of \$17,909 in funding. The District is anticipating using operating surplus dollars to fund costs related to COVID-19 in excess of this grant.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy Review Update

Assistant Superintendent Aziz updated the Board on the recent review and revisions taking place with the Policy Committee for all outdated District policies.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Moyes reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. She discussed academics. Students just entered the 6th rotation. Courses for grads on budgeting and careers has been helpful.

Student Trustee Anscomb reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. He provided an update on sports and the hopes for a revert back to the previous year's timetable.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Comeau reported on John Allison Elementary and Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Colletville Elementary. Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.

Trustee Jepsen reported on Diamond Vale Elementary and Merritt Central Elementary.

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.

BC School Trustee Association Branch Meeting

Board Chair Swan provided an overview of the BC School Trustees' Association Branch Meeting that was held on February 26-27, 2021.

Other Reports

Trustee Chenoweth was chosen to participate on the Indigenous Leaders Panel with Pan-Canadian.

Vice-Chair Comeau will be attending the Okanagan Labour Relations Council Board of Directors' virtual meeting on March 11, 2021.

Trustee Rainer reminded the Board that Trustee Chenoweth has been nominated as BC School Trustees' Association Director which will be decided on at the Annual General Meeting on April 15-18, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE**Minister of Education**

Board Chair Swan circulated a letter from the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, British Columbia's new Minister of Education.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

District Principal Kempston reported that during the pandemic process when families that have received communication that they are required to self isolate, they have done so with grace and we should all be proud of the efforts they are making to keeping our communities safe.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.


Chairperson


Secretary Treasurer