

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012, 4:30 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
	Assistant Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

It was requested that the iPad Program be added to the Education Committee.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Princeton Secondary School 2012 European Field Trip

Princeton Secondary School Principal Sandee Blair introduced teacher Kirk McConnell and students Nathan Garton and Austin Thibert who recently went on a European Field Trip.

Mr. McConnell and the students presented a slide show of their trip, which included ten other students, from across Europe. The students indicated it was a life changing experience and so enlightening to see the many different cultures.

The Chairman thanked Mr. McConnell, Mr. Garton and Mr. Thibert for their excellent presentation.

Presentation Nicola Family Therapy

Directors of the Nicola Valley Community Human Services Association (dba Nicola Family Therapy) Lynn Snook and Cathy Cox-Neill gave a presentation on the impact of the elimination of the Therapeutic Counselling Services Contract between Nicola Family Therapy and School District #58 (Nicola-Similkameen). In particular, the issues they discussed were as follows:

- Impact on students and families
- Impact on students completion rates and achievement levels
- Impact on the community
- Impact on Nicola Family Therapy

They noted that the contract with the district does not account for a significant part of the Nicola Family Therapy business, however, the \$35,000 contract being cut is a significant amount from their organization.

Ms. Snook and Ms. Cox-Neill are requesting to have the funds reinstated for an additional year.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Snook and Ms. Cox-Neill for their presentation. He noted that the Board would discuss this further during the Special Meeting and would forward a letter outlining the final decision.

District Achievement Contract

The Superintendent circulated the 2012/2013 District Achievement Contract. He defined this contract as a three-year plan to be updated annually, and is the basis for the a submitted to the Board of Education.

The purpose of the Achievement Contract is to outline the improvement of student success, describe strategic actions for the improvement, and identify how the district will monitor progress and make adjustment to improve results. The plan aligns with other improvement initiatives including the BCED

Plan, Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreements (EAs), and District Literacy Plans (DLPs).

The our goals presented include:

Goal 1 - Improve

Goal 2 I

Goal 3 Improve Aboriginal success

Goal 4 Early Learning

12/084

SWAN-GAGE

THAT the District Achievement Contract for the 2012/2013 year be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Final 2012/2013 School Calendar

The Superintendent circulated the 2012/2013 final School Calendar noting the addition of the date for the BC Family Day on February 11, 2013.

12/085

RAINER-GAGE

THAT the 2012/2013 School Calendar be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Field Trips

The Superintendent reviewed the Merritt Bench Elementary School year-end bike field trip to Monck Park request.

12/086

LAIRD-SWAN

THAT the Merritt Bench Elementary School Division One year-end bike trip to Monck Park on June 27, 2012 be approved as requested.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement (EA) Update

Assistant Superintendent McNiven provided an update on the Enhancement Agreement (EA) work to date.

He defined an EA as a working document between the school district, all local Aboriginal communities, and the Ministry of Education designed to enhance the educational achievement of Aboriginal students. The EA establishes a collaborative partnership between Aboriginal communities and school districts that involves shared decision making and specific goal setting to meet the educational needs of Aboriginal students.

Further,

Services Society. Currently this is in the planning stages with consensus to continue the process and have this brought back to the Board at a later date.

2012 Summer Institute

Assistant Superintendent McNiven provided Trustees with the 2012 Summer Institute dates and the topics and presenters that are

12/089

RAINER-SWAN

THAT the MSS gymnasium upgrade and the PSS bleacher replacement project be approved at an estimated cost of \$850,000.00.

CARRIED**Nicola-Canford Elementary School HVAC**

Trustee Laird advised that the Nicola-Canford Elementary School HVAC project has been put on hold due to a potential pilot project for the school. He provided information on a letter addressed to the Ministry which indicates the district's interest in a pilot project for an eight to ten room modular school.

12/090

LAIRD-SWAN

THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of Education expressing the District's interest in the pilot Modular School Project for Nicola Canford Elementary School.

CARRIED

Due to the installation of new roof top units, Trustee Laird also provided information regarding the potential need for an electrical upgrade at Vermillion Forks Elementary. He explained that the electrical panel may be unable to accommodate the new power usage. It is estimated that the potential upgrade may be as high as \$25,000.

It was recommended that the Building Committee explore quotes for the upgrade to Vermilion Forks Elementary School to a maximum of \$25,000 with the information to be brought back to the Board at a later date.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**Surplus Goods Sale**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the next surplus goods sale is expected to be held in the fall. Various vehicles

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

12/092

SWAN-RAINER

THAT CNCP Capital Project Bylaw No. 126469 specifying a maximum expenditure of \$7,317 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

CARRIED

TRUSTEE 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 Collettsville Elementary School, Trustee Gage for Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Laird for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School, and Trustee Rainer for Princeton Secondary School.

Other Reports

Trustee Rainer expressed his appreciation for the Board letter for the campaign to help with the Save Our Hospital Coalition in Princeton.

ADJOURNMENT

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LAIRD-RAINER

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer