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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	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
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AGENDA

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THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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THAT

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation – Merritt Secondary School Health Fair

The Superintendent introduced Dave Finch from Merritt Secondary School who provided an overview of the upcoming Healthy Choices Fair taking place on Friday, February 8, 2013 at Merritt Secondary School. He noted that topics such as sex, relationships, problem solving, where and how to access information and help in our community, decision making, and personal hygiene would be discussed at the fair. He noted that Merritt Secondary school staff, counsellors and Administrators, the Social Emotional Learning Team (SELT) members and MSS students have all provided input into the fair.

Presentation – Suicide Prevention Protocol

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THAT Playground Equipment Capital Project Bylaw No. 12368-A specifying an additional maximum expenditure of \$50,000, bringing the project total maximum expenditure to \$54,709, be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

CARRIED**Appointment of Auditors**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that McConnell, Voelkl Chartered Accountants have been the auditors for the district and would recommend having them do the audit for the 2012/2013 year.

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THAT McConnell, Voelkl Chartered Accountants auditors for the 2012/2013 school year.

CARRIED**2013/2014 Budget Plan Process**

The Secretary Treasurer circulated the budget plan process for the 2013/2014 annual budget. There was consensus that the proposed budget plan process including dates be accepted and sent out to stakeholders.

2012/2013 Ministry of Education Grants

The Secretary Treasurer circulated a comparison of the interim Ministry of Education grants for 2012/2013 and the preliminary grants for 2012/2013. He noted the total enrolment figures have declined 46.69 from the preliminary which represents an approximate \$225,000 decline in revenue. However, it was noted that this amount was moved to funding protection. He also noted that the district is in funding protection at 98.5% of the prior September enrolment, with current funding protection at \$3,006,571.

He reported that the February and May Distance Learning enrolment counts are not in funding protection therefore, if the enrolment declines or increases the district will receive less or more funding respectively.

POLICY COMMITTEE**Draft Policy & Regulation No. 407 – Respectful Workplace**

Trustee Ward provided information on Policy and Regulation No. 407 Respectful Workplace which has been reviewed by the Committee and is being brought forth for approval.

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THAT Policy and Regulation No. 407

Trustee Comeau noted that he