

**MINUTES**

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	R. Gage D. Laird D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	M. Finch
	Superintendent	R. Peacock
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

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**AGENDA**

14/041 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Presentation – Goodness Gorillas (Merritt Central Elementary School)**

The Superintendent introduced Merritt Central Elementary School Goodness Gorillas (GG) Coordinator Kriss Morel. Ms. Morel provided an overview of the GG program. She presented examples of the program such as students dropping off cookies at the senior's home or providing random acts of kindness such as opening the door for someone.

Clara Covington, a student teacher at Merritt Central, also provided a video and a poem created by one of her classes.

### **Presentation – Kurt Christopherson Re: Merritt Movie Theatre**

Kurt Christopherson provided an overview of the Merritt Movie Theatre vision and a review of where the project is currently at. He reported the goal is to build a four-theatre movie facility, providing the rationale behind the project, as well as the benefits.

Mr. Christopherson noted the educational aspect of the theatre which would include one of the four theatres being a 200 hundred seat facility containing a performing arts stage and screen.

Mr. Christopherson requested the school district provide a letter of support regarding the educational aspect of the project.

14/043

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the district provide a letter of support to the Cinema Society emphasising the educational components of the theatre.

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Provincial Results of the 2013 BC Adolescent Health Survey**

The Superintendent provided the results of the 2013 BC Adolescent Health Survey. He noted the results are being shared with the secondary schools and the SELT team. He reported the adolescent survey covers youth background; family; community; school and work; mental health; injuries and injury prevention; nutrition; body weight and body image; sexual behaviour; substance use; violence and abuse; leisure and technology.

### **2014/2015 School Calendar**

The Superintendent outlined the concern that had arisen regarding the selection of Option B as the 2014-2015 School Calendar and the Collective Agreement. The concern was the result of both the union and the district failing to pick up on Article D.20.4 prior to the options being sent out.

Failing a mutual agreement with the local union the district will have no alternative but to go with Calendar Option A. If the local union mutually agreed to remain with Option B, the Superintendent noted that this is a one-year situation and that the Collective A reW\*BT/F3 9.96 Tf1 0 0 1 303.9m7(C)7(o)10(l)8(h)TJF3 9.96 Tf1JF3 n

## **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent provided an update on the following activities occurring in the district:

The Bright Red Bookshelf volunteer luncheon for MSS students who help organize the books for this program. There are approximately 32 Bright Red Bookshelves in Merritt.

PSS most recent Pro-d session – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, including student's presentations.

The Aboriginal Parent Appreciation night.

Culture camp held at Lower Nicola Indian Band.

Upper Nicola Indian Band World Café.

Fraser Institute rankings with 454 out of 982 being the high and 962 out of 982 being the low for schools within the school district.

He reported a student wrote a poem about former teacher Steve Carroll which will be read on CBCs the Vinyl Café.

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

### **Sale of Douglas Lake Land**

The Secretary Treasurer advised of the Disposal of Land order for the Douglas Lake land and the mandatory documents for Ministerial approval.

He informed that he has prepared a letter to the Minister requesting disposal approval. In addition, he has reviewed all of the mandatory documents required with John Woycheshin, Director Regional Manager, Capital Management Branch with the Ministry of Education.

14/046

It was moved and seconded:

THAT subject to Ministerial approval, the District move forward with the proposed exchange of land at Douglas Lake Ranch Parcel A, District Lot 362, Kamloops Division of Yale Land District for a scholarship of \$1,500 per year for a commitment of 15 years.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Nicola-Canford Modular Update**

Trustee Laird reported that a tour had been conducted today at the Nicola-Canford site and everything is going as planned.

The Superintendent advised that the project is still on schedule and reported that the modular units are expected to start arriving next week from Shelter Industries.



John Allison Elementary School and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School.

### **Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustees Mackenzie Finch and Emily Maloney update the Board on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. Student Trustee Emily Maloney's report was read by the Secretary Treasurer.

### **Other Reports**

Trustee Ward travelled personally to Mexico and made a visit to a school. She reported on her findings.

Trustee Rainer informed of a potential solar panel project that he is working on with the Maintenance Supervisor.

Trustee Gage reported on the Aboriginal Education meeting at the recent Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting.

Trustee Laird reported on the Education session at the recent Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting.

The Chairman reported that both he and the Superintendent attended Vermilion Forks to receive a \$10,000 cheque for the community presented by the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary Treasurer