





helped negotiate one of the first Aboriginal Enhancement Agreements for the district.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

The Superintendent provided an overview of the next steps regarding the Strategic Plan implementation. He noted that he would like to hold a meeting with Trustees in January to review the work completed to date.

### **Field Trips**

The November 19, 2014 list of Superintendent approved field trips was circulated.

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Merritt Secondary School field trip to Manning Park on June 3-5, 2015, be approved subject to Board policy.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Superintendent advised that the Princeton Secondary School band trip to Seattle will be brought forward in December.

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The Superintendent updated Trustees on a number of activities occurring in the district. In particular:

- Student Trustee selection process at Merritt Secondary School;
- BCSSA/BCASBO Fall Conference attended by Principals and district staff
- Welcome Dinner for First Nations Education;
- The Learning Improvement Fund process and the allocation of \$440,762 for staff to address learning need and class composition concerns
- Remembrance Day Trustees and students laying the wreaths in Merritt and Princeton
- Nicola-Canford welcoming and opening starts at 4:30 pm tomorrow

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

#### **Telephone Replacement Plan**

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the district telephone replacement plan and noted that the district has an Request for Proposals out focusing on three district sites, SCIDES, Princeton Secondary School and Merritt Central Elementary School. He noted that the phone systems are all 18-20 years old e appg

He reported that the new system will be a combination of digital and analog, but will have the capability to become digital once the fibre optics and TELUS network are in place.

**Colletville Gym**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the Colletville gym has been fully operational since October 6, 2014. He noted the insurance agent is currently pursuing reimbursement of the \$10,000 deductible paid by the district in addition to the full cost of the repairs which sits at approximately \$190,000.

**Riverside Roof**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the roof replacement at Riverside is currently in process and noted the work is on schedule to be completed by the end of next week. He reported the quote for the replacement was \$143,131.80. The Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen has a bylaw of \$95,000 and operating funds of \$15,000. He further noted that the District will loan \$33,131.80 to the RDOS with a payment plan to be put in place.

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