

**MINUTES**

### **Board/Authority Authorized Courses**

The Superintendent provided an overview of the following proposed Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses from South Central Interior Distance Education School:

Forensic Science 11: Secrets of the Dead  
 Forensic Science 12: More Secrets of the Dead  
 Veterinary Science: Course Syllabus  
 World Religions 12

He noted these would be considered electives.

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the following as Board/Authority Authorized Courses:

Forensic Science 11: Secrets of the Dead;  
 Forensic Science 12: More Secrets of the Dead;  
 Veterinary Science: Course Syllabus; and  
 World Religions 12

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### **Class Size Report**

The Superintendent advised that the Class Size data is not available at this time as it is still being compiled. He noted the report is due to the Ministry by November 14, 2014.

### **Strategic Plan**

The Superintendent updated the Board on the current stage of the strategic plan. He advised that Principals have reviewed the plan as a group and are bringing it to their respective staffs for discussion.

### **LIF Update**

The Superintendent advised that the LIF total for 2014/2105 is \$478,978. He explained the LIF is broken into three components for this school year:

Education Fund	\$383,182
CUPE – EAs	38,216
CUPE – Support staff	<u>57,580</u>
Total	\$478,978

He advised that the CUPE – Support Staff allocation will be combined with the CUPE –

## **Remembrance Day**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that Remembrance Day is fast approaching and historically, the Board has had a Trustee and a Student Trustee present a wreath at each community's services. It was discussed that Trustee Ward and a Student Trustee would present a wreath for Princeton and Trustee Laird and a Student Trustee would present a wreath in Merritt.

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The Superintendent provided a review of the following activities in the district:

- Swim to Survive grant in partnership with the City of Merritt for grade three students;
- After school PacificSportz program;
- Learning Commons;
- John Allison Garden Celebration;
- Elementary Band running in both Merritt and Princeton;
- Growth plans are now completed for Administrators;
- A heads-up for Merritt Secondary School field trip to Europe for summer 2015;
- MDI – Middle Years Development Instrument to be completed for grade four and seven.

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **LINKS Update**

The Superintendent reviewed the LINKS funding for the 2014/2015 school year.

### **Strike Savings**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the Ministry of Education provided guiding principles for the strike savings for the thirteen (13) days in September:

*Strike savings should be reported where spending budgeted for the thirteen strike days in September is not being deferred to a later time.*

*If a school district has experienced increased costs in September that were due to deferral of work from a prior period, it is expected that school districts utilize the 20% of strike savings they retained up to August 31, 2014 to cover those costs.*

*If school districts are experiencing particular financial difficulty as a result of the strike, the Ministry will work with districts on a case-by-case basis to recognize reasonable incremental costs and net revenue losses, factoring in the financial situation.*

He advised this report is due October 17, 2014 and the Finance Committee is currently finalizing the numbers. He noted the main area of savings reported will be for teacher and TTOCs wages. Other areas that were looked at were utility savings, as well as fuel savings due to buses not running for the thirteen days.

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

### **Nicola-Canford Elementary School Modular Project Update**

The Maintenance Supervisor advised that the Nicola-Canford project is approximately 99% complete and the only remaining items are the deficiency list where some back and forth will likely occur.

### **Merritt Secondary School Boiler Upgrade Update**

The Maintenance Supervisor advised that the venting at the school is completed and the boilers will be up and running shortly.

### **Collettsville Elementary School Gym Update**

The Maintenance Supervisor advised that the gym floor will receive a second coat on October 24, 2014.

### **Mosquito Sound Vandalism Repellant**

The Maintenance Supervisor advised that

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings and events:

Trustee Gage for Diamond Vale and Merritt Central Elementary Schools, Trustee Swan for Merritt Bench Elementary School, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School, Trustee Laird for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School and SCIDES.

### **Student Trustee**

The Chairman noted the district is currently looking at preparing a guideline for Student Trustees. He noted the proposal is to have two Student Trustees, one in Grade 11 and one in Grade 12, on a staggered system whereby the grade 11 Trustee would be on a two-year term.

### **Other Reports**

Trustee Laird reported on the recent BCSTA Branch meeting.

Trustee Ward spoke to the Student Trustee plan and process. She advised of the two documents circulated, one would be for advertising and the other would be the Board policy.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received and action taken: