

**MINUTES**

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Chairman

G. Comeau

Trustees

G. Ellingsen

B. Jepsen

T. Kroeker

D. Rainer

G. Swan

L. Ward

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Presentation Hockey Academy**

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Secondary Principal Bruce Bidney.

Mr. Bidney

**Field Trips**

Princeton Secondary School teacher Crystal Larsen provided an overview of the proposed Level 4 field trip to Bamfield Marine Educational/Research facility with an emphasis on Marine science.

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval in principle be given for the Princeton Secondary School field trip to Bamfield Marine Educational/Research facility on May 12-16, 2016.

Trustee Swan suggested providing awareness to parents when planning for field trips that world events may cause the cancellation of trips. He noted that in some cases this would mean a forfeiture of funds.

**ACTION ITEM:**

The Superintendent to provide a message to Principals to ensure parents are aware of potential cancellations.

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The Superintendent provided an update of the following activities in the district:

Inquiry projects

Student voice- video production

DPAC meeting scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>;

Facilitator training for the new curriculum schedule for January 8<sup>th</sup>;

Princeton Secondary and Vermilion Forks band concert took place on December 7<sup>th</sup>;

Princeton Secondary turkey lunch scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE****Five-Year Capital Plan**

The Secretary Treasurer

**Economic Stability Dividend**

The Secretary Treasurer noted that the Provincial Government has advised that the BC economy grew by 3.2% in 2014, which exceeded the forecast of 2.3%. This translates into a wage increase of 0.45% for BCTF and CUPE employees in School District No. 58 effective May 1, 2016.

**MSP Rate Increase**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that MSP rates are increasing effective January 1, 2016. He noted that from an annualized perspective this would equate to a \$16,740 increase using the current employee groups.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE****Update: Nicola Valley Agri Park Society**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the Nicola Valley Agri Park made a presentation at the November board meeting and a business plan was requested from the Board.94 (2.3n9at )-9(MS)] TJ ET BT 1 0 0 1 3<1 0 0 1 3<1 0 0 1 3<1 0 %T BT 1

