

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

organization excellence. He would like to have a meeting on March 5th at 100 pm. to review the current direction.

2015/2016 School Calendar

The Superintendent presented draft school calendar for review.

ACTION ITEM:

The Superintendent to review data in preparation of scheduling spring breaks for the next few years, specifically around the issue of one week versus two week breaks.

Field Trips

The list of Superintendent approved field trips was circulated for information.

15/026

It was moved and seconded:

THAT final approval be given for the following field trips as presented:

Princeton Secondary School ction.2(/ W 0 TwE)4.d

Vice-Chairperson of the Board	\$13,250	\$15,500
School Trustees	\$12,000	\$14,000

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2015/2016 PAC Budget Survey

The Secretary Treasurer advised that he will be attending all PACs to obtain budget survey results

2015/2016 Budget Consultation Dates

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the budget planning process for the upcoming 2015/2016 Annual Budget

OPERATIONS

Tender – Communication System

The Secretary Treasurer advised that two quotes have been received for VOIP phone systems for SCIDES, MSS, PSS and the school board office. Upon the recommendation from the Operations Manager the district would like to proceed with the tender from Okanagan Telephone. It was also recommended that the district allow for \$50,000; not inclusive of taxes for any unforeseen work that may occur.

15/032

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the purchase of the VOIP phone systems for SCIDES, MSS, PSS and the school board office from Okanagan Telephone at an estimated cost of \$50,000 not inclusive of taxes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary School, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettville Elementary School and SCIDES, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola Canford Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School.

Other Reports

The Chairman advised that he and Trustee Rainer recently attended the grand opening of the Rotary Riverside kitchen.

The Chairman acknowledged Princeton Secondary School teacher Richard Jensen for his after school song writing and recording program. He noted that students are currently signed up and commented that a great opportunity Mr. Jensen is providing his students.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Howard and Student Trustee Douglas reported on the activities occurring at Princeton Secondary School.

CORRESPONDENCE

City of Merritt Re: Road Safety Colletville Area

A letter was received from the City of Merritt responding to the district's concerns regarding road safety in the Colletville area.

It was agreed that the Board request the City to have long term plan to put in sidewalks on the road to Colletville

ACTION ITEM:

Secretary Treasurer to write a letter to the City requesting sidewalks be placed in the long-term plan for the capital budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:14.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer