

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

Merritt Secondary (MSS) provided an overview on the trades activities at MSS and PSS.

The school district has partnered with Okanagan College, Thompson Rivers University (TRU) and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology to arrange for MSS and PSS students to train and apprentice in various trades programs such as welding, carpentry, plumbing and electrician. 2014-2015 saw three students from PSS and three from MSS successfully complete their trades programs.

Other activities included the trade students participating in Skills Canada, Digital World of Technology (DWIT) and TRU Spotlight events. Both schools held a parents' information evening session and students gained work experience via local businesses in 2014 – 2015.

The goals for MSS and PSS for 2015 – 2016 include a continuation of the above-mentioned activities with a focus on increasing awareness of the trade training opportunities. A career day is planned at PSS and a Try a Trade day will be held at MSS specifically focusing on Grade 7. To increase the numbers of students enrolling in trades, increase connections with local communities to develop new sponsors for the work experience program and to focus on technologies used in trades.

Enrolment Update

The Superintendent advised that currently the District is up 77 students at the elementary level and 47 students at SCIDES. He also noted that the District is down in FTE at the high school level. He noted that with the new MyEducation BC student information system being slower than expected, the District may see an increase as data is entered.

15/129 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board makes Draft Policy No. 508 – Restraint and Seclusion the first reading and deviate from policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15/130 It was moved and seconded:

THAT first reading of Policy No. 508 – Restraint and Seclusion be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was consensus that Policy No. 508 – Restraint and Seclusion, be brought back to the next Regular meeting for second and final reading, subject to no requests for amendment.

Revised Policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace

The Superintendent reviewed the revised policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace.

15/131 It was moved and seconded:

THAT first reading of Revised Policy No. 407 – Respectful Workplace, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Princeton School Liaisons

It was noted the Trustee Ward will attend the Princeton Secondary School PAC, Trustee Rainer will attend the Vermilion Forks PAC, and Chairman Comeau will attend the John Allison PAC.

Student Trustees

The Superintendent noted that Student Trustee Douglas sends her regrets. He advised that the process for the second Student Trustee in Princeton is not yet completed. He noted that Student Trustees in Merritt are Cohen McCormack and Rahul Chhabra.

P.A.C. Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Jepsen for Diamond Vale, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School, Trustee Kroeker for Collettville Elementary School and SCIDES and CLC, Trustee Ellingsen for Nicola-Canford Elementary School.

Other Reports

Chairman Comeau noted that the Superintendent, Secretary Treasurer and himself will be away on October 21, 22 and 23 in Vancouver for Ministry meeting and the BCPSEA AGM.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees were advised of the 20th anniversary of the Princeton & District Community Skills Centre and the invitation to the open house to be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer