

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	R. Chhabra C. McCormack
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Perkins
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

16/047 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

16/048 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held February 10, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Merritt Fire Department

The Superintendent noted the excellent response by the members of the Merritt Volunteer Fire Department and the great support the department provided the school district with the initial clean-up. He noted that he has debriefed with the Fire Chief and from a Fire Department point of view, the overall incident was handled appropriately.

16/049 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the District write a letter thanking the Merritt Volunteer Fire Department for their excellent work and support.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation: Youth Voice

The Assistant Superintendent introduced grade 10 MSS student Tyler Thomson who provided an overview of the Youth Voice program occurring at Merritt Secondary School. Ms. Thomson provided the results of a survey presented to the students at the school.

Presentation: ICS

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Interior Community Services Director Chelsea Morrey. Ms. Morrey provided an overview of the number of services offered at ICS.

Ms. Morrey formally requested the Board consider applying for a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for Coquihalla Middle School. She recommended that an advisory committee be created as the gate keepers in order to determine what fee based services would be allowed in the building. The CEO, Kelly Keland for ICS, noted that a pediatrician out of Kamloops, Dr. Ogilvy, has expressed an interest to come to Merritt once a month. The goal of the advisory committee would be to approve or not approve the fee based business. Ms. Morrey noted the advisory committee could be made up of members from the School District, the City of Merritt and Interior Community Services.

16/050 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board move forward with applying for a Temporary Use Permit with the City of Merritt.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kindergarten Registration Update

The Superintendent noted that registration for Kindergarten is at 71 students after the two week registration period. He noted the average March registration is 76 with a low of 54 and a high of 96. He reported that typical registrations over the last

nine years have been 115 to 145 with a mode of 140. The Superintendent noted that Interior Health birth information has a prediction at 160.

Strategic Plan Update

Vice Chairman Swan arrived at this time.

The Superintendent provided an update of the work being done on the strategic plan initiatives. He reviewed in detail the four goals of the strategic plan:

1. Well being
2. Learning
3. Organizational Excellence and
4. Community

Field Trips

The list of Superintendent approved field trips were circulated for review.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent advised of the following activities occurring in the district:

CPI training taking place
 Student hand drumming celebration at Merritt Civic Centre
 DPAC
 Framework for enhancing student learning
 New curriculum collaboration, all course cohorts completed
 Webpage updates
 Communication using Twitter, Facebook and other means
 Ready, Set, Learn
 Science Fair
 Basketball
 Culture Camp in Lower Nicola
 Pink Shirt Day
 Find Your Fit
 Elementary report cards

OPERATIONS

CMS Pathway

The Vice Chairman provided some history regarding the easement and noted that it was put in to gain access to the school property. He noted that

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

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Chhabra and Student Trustee McCormack reported on numerous events occurring at Merritt Secondary School.

Other Reports

Trustee Rainer and Trustee Ward reported on the recent Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting held in Salmon Arm.

Vice Chairman Swan attended the Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting and noted Syrian refugees were the topic at the board chairs session.

Chairman Comeau advised that regarding the BCSTA Memorandum of Understanding Trustee are to pass their comments directly to Vice Chairman Swan.

CORRESPONDENCE

request for sidewalks in the John Allison Elementary School area.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer