

PAC MINUTES NOVEMBER 12 , 2024 (MSS)

Attendance:

Adriane Moulard (Principal), Gordon Swan (School Trustee),

Parents:

Candice Rizzardo, Quinn Rooke, Tina Etchart, Stephanie Johnson, Diane Walker

Teachers:

Josee Warren, Lia Larson

Meeting called to order 6:01 pm

2024/2025 PAC Executive

Stephanie Johnson (President) stephjohnson@hotmail.ca

Quinn Rooke (Treasurer) grooke@gmail.com

Tina Etchart (Secretary) tinaetchart@gmail.com

Motion to adopt last meeting minutes of October 8th 2024 made by Quinn, seconded by Candice.

Funding Requests:

MSS Curling Club - Josee Warren brought the request for 10 team vests, cost \$400. Motion to approve made by Tina, seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried.

Fairy Godmothers - Lia Larson brought the request for attire/photo for Grads in need \$1500. Motion to approve made by Quinn, seconded by Candice. Motion carried.

Library - Lia Larson brought the request for Learning Commons extracurricular supplies \$750. Motion to approve made by Stephanie, seconded by Quinn. Motion carried.

Senior Girls Soccer - written request pending cost estimate/quantities.

New Business:

Funding requests - contacted by a student asking for new soccer jerseys for the senior girls team. In the process of organising the written request and locating the assigned staff representative to finalise cost estimates and quantities.

Old Business:

At the last meeting, a 2025 Grad representative requested assistance for the TNRD Grant-in-Aid for Dry Grad Activities. Since the PAC does not hold registered status this year (BCCPAC), Trustee Swan directed them to ask the District for assistance using their Registered Non-profit status. Dylan Richardson, Secretary/Treasurer has responded with promising details and will assist with the application when the date draws near.

School Trustee Report: Gordon Swan

Board meeting is tomorrow night. Agenda will include 4 policies for approval:

Policy 3.10 Student Expectations & Behaviours

Policy 3.30 Student Fees and Deposits

Policy 3.31 Financial Hardship

Policy 3.70 Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities

Policies with temporary changes include:

Policy 1004.1 Public Use of Facilities

Policy 202.5 Signing Officers

Board is still working through an Amended Budget as costs are continuing to rise and those costs are not being fully funded.

On a positive note one of our students was recognized with his poem on Remembrance Day. They placed first in the city, first in the Legion's Interior Zone and third in the province.

Included links and attachments, are some new statistics on Educator Sexual Misconduct which should be food for thought for all of us as it is underreported across the country.

A new Minister of Education has not yet been appointed so we are still in a time period where we don't know the new makeup of the Ministry nor the Ministry's mandate. I have had an initial first meeting with our new MLA Tony Luck for the north end of the District and Leah Ward has met with our new MLA for the South end of the District.

In August 2024, a new IEC policy was released that outlines the process for establishing an Indigenous Education Council. As we have an existing IEC, this council will continue to function until the new IEC is established. One of the significant changes is that local First Nations Bands may designate two representatives for the IEC. More to come as the new IEC is established.

Flags will be lowered tomorrow in remembrance of the late Premier John Horgan.

[Esm.pdf](#)

[ELC 2024 Conference Session Peace Slides & Notes.pdf](#)

[Indigenous Education Report Open 131124.pdf](#)

[Inclusive education report Open 131124.pdf](#)

[Earl Learning Education Report Open 131124.pdf](#)

The next Nicola-Similkameen School District Board of Education meeting will take place at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at the Princeton Secondary School. You will find the meeting agenda and associated documents attached for your information.

For those that wish to view online, this meeting will be live-streamed and recorded on YouTube (search “SD58 Board Meeting Zoom Meeting”) or through our Facebook page “Nicola-Similkameen School District – No. 58”. (www.facebook.com/SchoolDistrictNo58/) Please use the chat feature if you are attending virtually and have any questions during the meeting.

[OPEN Board Package_November 2024.pdf](#)

MSS Principal’s Report: Adriane Moulard

- Our volleyball teams are wrapping up a successful season with both senior boys’ and girls’ team earning a berth at the Okanagan Championships
- Our cross-country team had one athlete earn a berth to the provincial championships!
- The school-wide Battloween was a huge success. It saw all the students come together and compete in multi-age groups against one another. The smiles and laughter were contagious.
- The Grade 12 students all had the opportunity to take part in the first sitting of the Literacy 12 Assessment which is a graduation requirement. The students showed perseverance through the lengthy exam.
- Merritt Secondary was well represented at the British Columbia Leadership Conference in late October. The event brought together hundreds of students from around the province for a 4-day event. The students participated in some community service activities and spent time learning about building a positive school culture and how they can lead that work.
- 24 science students attended the Bamfield Science Center on Vancouver Island. The week-long learning session was a success, and the highlights included seeing whales, sea lions & other marine life.
- Our leadership classes in conjunction with the band class lead a very meaningful Remembrance Day Assembly. It included participation by our own Colour Guard, a poetry reading, some music played by the band and then a student performing the Last Post and Reveille on the tuba. Witnessing the ceremony organized and led by our students sent a powerful message to our school community.
- The Fall Open House was well received and attended. Positive feedback was received.

Consultation Around Registered Support Animals @ MSS

Seeking parental concerns and ultimate approval around the use of a registered therapy dog in a counselling area to support designated students.

Treasurer’s Report: Quinn Rooke

Gaming account has a balance of **\$11,758.03**

<6.00> banking account service fee, the only withdrawal

Main Operating account **\$215.52**

Meeting adjourned @ 7:13 pm

Next meeting Tuesday December 10th, 2024 @6pm

Minutes prepared by TE