

SCHOOL DISTRICT #81 (FORT NELSON)
FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
February 12, 2019

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair
R. Irwin, Trustee
Y. Taylor, Trustee
B. Dolan, Trustee
D. Samchuck, Superintendent
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the open meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda, as no additions or changes were identified Chair Dolen declared the Agenda accepted as presented.

R19-001	That the Board of Education accept the Minutes of December 11 as amended. CARRIED	Y. Taylor/ M. Gilbert
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Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of December 11.

- Trustee Irwin pointed out that the attendance list is incorrect with previous Trustees Ashdown and Tofte, should be Trustees Irwin and Taylor. Administrative Assistant Anderson to update the template to reflect this change with apologies to the Board.
- Trustee Dolan asked that the word randomness be changed to range in the point: Happy to see the range of items that were listed on Fundraising Plans.

Report on Closed Items

- Letter form Robert Fleming Re: Education Partner's Response
- BCSTA Regional Leadership Series

R19-002	That the Board of Education unanimously approve all three readings of the 2018 – 2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$11,784,136.	M. Gilbert/ R. Irwin
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Read a first time the 12th day of February 2019
Read a second time the 12th day of February 2019
Read a third time the 12th day of February 2019
CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Hall spoke to the budget and all things affecting this year's budget. Enrollment may be down this year but levelling out thereafter. Discussion ensued.

R19-003	That the Board of Education adopt the 2018-2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$11,784,136. CARRIED	B. Dolan/Y. Taylor
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Trustee Dolan thanks Secretary-Treasurer Hall for all her hard work on this budget.

R19-004	That the Board of Education approve the Scotiabank Borrowing Resolution. CARRIED	B. Dolan/Y. Taylor
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Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated that removing the use of Purchase Orders and using the Credit Card has been beneficial. We've received a rebate of about \$4300.00 last year.

R19-005	That the Board of Education receive the Information – Education items as presented CARRIED	B. Dolan/M. Gilbert
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Discussion ensued on the Legal Bulletin. Trustee Gilbert questioned under the section General Prohibition for Minors; is it our responsibility to report. Chair Dolen stated that just because Cannabis is legal it is still not allowed in schools. Have measures been taken to have our staff updated with the legalities and how it applies to them or students? Trustee Dolan asked what the issue would be in sharing this document with our staff.

R19-006	That the Board of Education ask that Superintendent Samchuck share this Legal Bulletin: Provincial Cannabis Legislation with District staff. CARRIED	B. Dolan/M. Gilbert
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R19-007	That the Board of Education file the Staff Amendments as presented. CARRIED	Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert
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R19-008	That the Board of Education file the Northern Health Inspection Reports as received. CARRIED	Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert
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Trustee Dolan is pleased to see the low hazard ratings. Commends maintenance and custodial staff, teaching staff etc. Secretary-Treasurer Hall was happy with the reports. Suggests sending letters to staff on a job well done.

R19-009

That the Board of Education review and file the Monthly Financial Statements from December and January.
CARRIED

Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Taylor – Attended PAC meetings at JSC in January and February. They were considering having Monkey Business come back but having issues getting other schools on board. They are fundraising through Family dance and hot lunch. They are checking to see where the best place to get hot lunches at the best price so they are able to fundraise the most money. Also attended BCSTA conference and the Trustee Orientation, met with Dan Davies, very interesting and informative meeting, went to Dr. Professor and took in the school play Aladdin.
- Trustee Irwin – Attended the PAC meeting, lots of fundraising happening. Excited to attend the White Hatter presentation. Lunches are being provided, all students are included with no stigma. They're celebrating the walk-a-thon again this year after raising \$2000.00 last year. They are celebrating family day with movies for the students. Author, Sigmund Brouwer visited, the students enjoyed that. They are currently in the planning stages of the Symposium of Learning.
- Trustee Dolan – Still awaiting the reassigned PAC, meeting tomorrow the 13th, will discuss the Video Surveillance Policy. Excited about Pro-D and the many worthwhile programs being offered. Great to see that the health and wellness is being well utilized for gym memberships etc.
- Trustee Gilbert – Attended PAC meeting at GWC. They are moving along raising money and searching for opportunities. Online payment for lunches and school supplies has been initiated which has been a relief for school staff and has made tracking much better. Kudos to the mom brigade. Attended the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting. The ADM did a presentation but felt he was uncomfortable in front of the group; wasn't a great presentation. Was invited to contribute to the process by submitting written comments. Discussed surplus and reserves. The Ministry would have oversight on how they are spent and they would have to approve reserves. Funding should be on a per course or per capita basis. Discussion ensued

Trustee Dolan recognized Teacher L. Gilbert for being recognized by Global TV in celebrating teachers.

R19-010	That the Board of Education write a congratulatory letter to Lori Gilbert for this great accomplishment. CARRIED	B. Dolan/R. Irwin
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Trustee Gilbert remained absent on the vote due to conflict of interest.

- Chair Dolen – Advised the Board that Principal M. Theobald’s mom had passed. The Board will send flowers upon his return to Ft Nelson. Attended BSCTA AGM, there was an election to replace two people who were up for renewal. BCPSEA entered negotiations with teachers. Proposals have been received and will be shared. Attended BCPSEA New Trustee Academy with Trustee Irwin and Trustee Taylor and attended the meeting with Dan Davies. Superintendent Samchuck attended a coffee meeting with the Minister while in Vancouver.
- Secretary – Treasurer Hall – Attended the meeting with other Trustees and participated in the Green Committee meeting.
- FNDTA President – S. Smith – Would like to recognize D. Johnstone and S. Tofflemire for their hard work and extraordinary efforts in bringing the community play to life. Congratulations to L. Gilbert on her accomplishment and spoke to the funding review. Encourages Trustees to read it over. If this goes through our funding will be seriously affected.

Trustee Taylor inquired if it would be appropriate for the Board to send a letter of recognition to Teachers D. Johnston and S. Tofflemire for their hard work and dedication to the community play.

R19-011	That the Board of Education send a letter of recognition to Teachers D. Johnstone and S. Tofflemire for their hard work and dedication to the Community Play. CARRIED	Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert
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The interviewers from Global TV are coming to RL Angus, they have been in contact with the nominator.

Chair Dolen was approached by Christina Dommer regarding SOGI and was asked these questions:

- How are LGBTQ issues addressed?
- How big a factor do you think SOGI in schools was in the election?

- What kind of consultation was undergone for the policy changes you sent me?

Discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer