

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Tuesday  
April 16, 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

Guests:

S. Smith, FNDTA President

Call to order

Chair Dolen call the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

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 Open Agenda accepted as presented.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of March 5. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair Dolen accepted the minutes as presented.

Report on Closed:

- Superintendent request
- Secretary-Treasurer request
- Regulatory Body for Education Assistants
- Rental of Portable adjacent to SBO
- Discussion on Current Funding Model Review
- Update on 2019-2020 Budget
- GRE Report

R19-016 Long Range Facilities Plan

R. Irwin/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education table this item until September at which time the Board will review surplus and then decide.

CARRIED

Secretary – Treasurer Hall spoke with regards to the Long Range Facilities Plan. This has been on our to do list for a number of years, however it continues to sit and get put off. While at VFA training we had lunch with FSJ District and discussed their LRFP. They felt they didn't have enough information to proceed with the plan, so they hired a consultant to bring the plan to completion. We've received a letter from the Minister stating that this report isn't quite as critical. We should proceed with the plan to have a LRFP in place for our district. We are on a decline with enrollment with hopes that this will change. This would be a valuable resource to have.  
Discussion ensued.

R19-017 Capital bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD81-01 M. Gilbert/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education approve all three readings of the 2019/20 Capital Plan  
CARRIED

That the Board of Education adopt the 2019/2020 Capital Plan  
CARRIED M. Gilbert/R. Irwin

Secretary – Treasurer Hall discussed the Capital Plan for bathroom upgrade and cladding. Most effort will be put into the bathroom upgrade. This will be going to tender within the next few weeks. Once we receive tenders it will be decided what can be done. Metal cladding funding received is only half of what will be required to complete the project. However, if the bathroom costs run high we can use the cladding funding.  
Discussion ensued.

R19-018 Education – Information Items Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

- Northern Opportunities Partnership Funding Request
- RLA Principal Report

That the Board of Education file the Education – Information items as received.  
CARRIED

Superintendent Samchuck stated that Northern Opportunities has continued to give us money which goes into trade opportunities for our students. Funds have also gone towards Project Heavy Duty.  
Discussion ensued.

R19-019 Staff Amendments M. Gilbert/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education file the Staff Amendments as received.  
CARRIED

That the Board of Education file the Financial Reports as received.  
CARRIED

Trustee Taylor inquired about the training and travel in the negative. Secretary-Treasurer explained that these categories were underbudgeted. More training required this year with our new Board. Superintendent Samchuck said that the costs for us to travel is significantly higher than other districts. We are forced to travel to meetings without any reimbursement, we don't have the budget to attend all the meetings. Costs aren't the same for our District to attend but expectations are.  
Discussion ensued

#### Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

##### Trustee Taylor

- Attended PAC Meeting. Has received an invitation to attend JSC to take in My Blueprint. Looking at ways to attract more parent involvement, mug and muffin was suggested. Attended GWC PAC and intends to attend the RLA Symposium.

##### Trustee Irwin

- RLA PAC is a very busy group. This weekend they put on a parent movie night, unable to attend this event but waiting to hear how it turned out. They are organizing a bridge building competition to run during the day, plans to invite local experts. There is a talent show and school dance coming up in May. The moose run is scheduled for the end of May.

##### Trustee Dolan

- FNSS PAC struggles with getting membership. Currently not engaged in many projects. Culture fest is scheduled for May 24. Enjoyed the RLA Symposium. Important to see students on their best behavior at these school events.

##### Trustee Gilbert

- Attended the RLA Symposium of learning. Saw a lot of interesting criteria. The preparation was equivalent to the performance. Students were genuine. One young man, a grade five student, demonstrated programming with a drone in the hallway, he showed very impressive composure and technical skills. He seems to have a great investment in his learning. This same young man displayed his eagerness to help when he went into another classroom, another student needed assistance, he wasted no time getting in there and helping. Very nice to see. Attended the GWC PAC meeting. They are a very constructive and cooperative PAC. Very

organized and productive. Things that happen as a result of their parental contributions wouldn't happen without them. Ask that other Trustees be mindful.

#### Chair Dolen

- Attended the GWC PAC and RLA Symposium of Learning. Will be attending AGM April 24 and medical appointments returning on May 8. Invited to Toad River on May 14. Trustee Dolan asked Chair Dolen if she could attend the FNSS PAC meeting as he will be away, she agreed.

#### Superintendent Samchuck

- Attended the RLA Symposium of learning. It was wonderful. Staff does a great job and should be commended for all their hard work. Working with Amanda at Chalo for In Service days. Will be out of the District on May 9 for Deputy Minister's Meeting. Principals have been working on their District Enhancement Learning Plan. FNSS will have math numeracy results. Will go over with the Board at our next meeting. Received the first draft of the time table.

#### Secretary – Treasurer

- The transportation agreement for FNFN and PR bussing has been submitted. We should know by the end of April if the Ministry will provide the \$200,000 required for transport of these students.
- Attended VFA Training in Vancouver during Spring break. This program identifies all the capital aspects of our buildings. Every 5 years a team goes through our buildings. They will be here at the end of this month. The VFA training and information. We cannot change any information in the program however we can access the information.
- Attended the Emergency Operations Stakeholder meeting. Speakers talked about drought factors, potential for flood and fire. Statistics show that there are fewer forest fires now, however they are more extensive.
- Voyent Alert app is available, it is suggested that everyone download it. It is a benefit for this area, especially since we don't have 911.
- Attended Economic Development session at the Phoenix Theatre. The facilitator was one of the best and honest about the state of our community.

#### FNDTA President, S. Smith

- Congratulations to RLA band members. Travelled to FSJ and won medals for their performances. Attended the medieval feast. FNDTA Elections are scheduled for next week.

Trustee Gilbert stated that FNFN has been without an Education Director for the past couple of weeks, this has been confirmed. There is currently no point person for the LEA.

Chair Dolen spoke to the Caribou review. Blair Lekstrom has been appointed. Trustee Gilbert said there will be an update on the website. NRRM is quite active with this despite common misconceptions.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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Linda Dolen  
Chair

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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer