

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
May 28, 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
E. Derosz-Gagne, FNDTA Liaison
B. Froese, RLA
S. Clark, RLA
K. Martin, FNSS
D. Johnstone, FNSS
S. Tofflemire, FNSS
V. Clark, FNSS
L. Gilbert, RLA
K. Larson, FNSS

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda.
Chair Dolen added the Grad Speech to the agenda.

That the Board of Education accept the Closed Meeting Agenda as amended.

B. Dolan/Y. Taylor

CARRIED

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2019. Trustee Gilbert pointed out that in Trustee reports and inquiries *Mental Training* should be *Mental Health Training*. The correction was noted and Chair Dolen declared the Open Minutes accepted as amended.

Report on Closed Items

- Transition Requirements – Superintendent & Secretary-Treasurer
- 2019/20 Budget Update

Staff Appreciation

The following staff were presented with Staff Appreciation Awards:

- Kathy Martin – 10 Years
- Sarah Tofflemire – 10 Years
- David Johnstone – 10 Years

- Vickey Clark – 25 Years
- Lori Gilbert – 35 Years

Presentation on SET BC Proposal – B. Froese, S. Clark & A. Dekaneas went through the slide show presentation that they submitted to be considered for a SET BC Grant.

R19-023 Representative for Scholarship Committee R. Irwin/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education appoint a representative to attend the scholarship selection committee meeting on June 4.

CARRIED

Trustee Taylor has agreed to attend the Scholarship Committee Meeting on June 4.

Grad Speech – Chair Dolen called for any interest from Trustees to do the grad speech. She is currently working on her speech but is open to another Trustee taking on this role. Trustee Dolan may be interested as this graduating class may be the last group of which he was principal. He will let her know.

R19-024 Principal Reports Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert

That the Board of Education file the Principal Reports as received.

CARRIED

R19-025 April Monthly Financials R. Irwin/Y. Taylor

That the Board of Education file the report as received.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued. Trustee Taylor inquired to why The Board of Trustees category was in the red. Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated this is due to over budget travel as well as association fees.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Irwin – He was unable to attend the PAC this month as he was away for the Track & Field Zones in Prince George. The kids gave their all and qualified for the Provincials; it was a great achievement. We face challenges in our District. We live in a large province and we're at the very end of it. Scheduling required our students to be away from instruction for four days, other participants were fortunate enough to only miss half a day of instruction. On a more positive note, we have kids involved in these great opportunities. He spoke with an advisor last year about having the track meets on the weekend which would

represent only two days of instructional time lost, unfortunately volunteers tend to be more available during the week than on weekends. He wonders if grade 12 students feel deterred because of having to miss so much instructional time? This was a very well organized event, both positive and beneficial for students. S. Smith attended this event last year, the sportsmanship amongst students was remarkable. Other students from other schools helping each other even though they were competing. It was a great thing to see.

- Trustee Dolan – Attended the FNSS Job Interviews. Ms. Earl did a great job in getting this ready and coaching the kids right up until the last minute. FNSS PAC has one new course for next year, Post Secondary Skills; seems to be very promising and will help prepare students for reality prior to graduating. Traveled to Toad River. Always interesting to see the projects they are working on, a talented group of kids.
- Trustee Taylor – Attended the Staff Appreciation event. Good job to P. Anderson for all her hard work. Attended PAC meeting. They are already in the works of setting up for next year and trying to get volunteers. Apologized for missing the Toad River trip.
- Trustee Gilbert – Attended the PAC Meeting. These meetings are well attended. They take ownership and responsibility of the planning. Very neat to see that level of cooperation. Attended structure day, all kids were engaged and had a good understanding of what was going on. Reminded Trustees that the Caribou in the Region forum will take place tomorrow.
- Chair Dolen – Much the same as the other Trustees. M. Theobald invited Trustees to FNSS on June 5 to showcase some of the work they are doing in Future Preparedness goal in our Enhancing Student Learning Plan. FNFN has extended an invitation to the Aboriginal Day event at the parking lot in front of her office on June 21. It would be a good idea for students of FNSS to attend. Green Committee is having judging tomorrow at 10:00 am here at the School Board Office.
- Superintendent Samchuck – Attended the Entrepreneurship Grant Program at the Municipality. It was interesting and different for us to be a part of. Traveled to Toad River with Trustee Dolan and Chair Dolen. Enjoyed the kids playing instruments, they are very talented and are self taught which is so impressive. Every time you go they seem to be better than the last time. They are an incredible and good group of kids. Had a good time at the Staff Appreciation

event. JSC staff sent over a picture of all their staff lined up with 10 year bells. Nice to see.

- Secretary-Treasurer Hall – Had also participated in the events discussed. She wanted to speak to the Piano Six event that came to town. For a very small fee and accommodations for one night they came to the community. Each school got to take in the show which consisted of 45 minutes of playing time and a 15 minute discussion period. The kids enjoyed it. It's so great to have an organization like that reach out. Prophet River and Chalo students also participated. Green Event judging tomorrow will include the Municipality, library and NLC. We need to know who will be at the event on the 6th. Chair Dolen, Trustee Irwin and Trustee Taylor will be there. Trustee Taylor and Chair Dolen will also be here for judging tomorrow morning.
- FNDTA President S. Smith – Thank you to the staff for Staff Appreciation, well organized and very well done. Attended the FNDTA AGM last week. Looks the same as current. Shallen Johnson has been added.
- FNDTA Liaison, E. Dorosz – Gagne – Just finished up the second to last Mental Health training session, final one will be on Thursday. Had a very quiet group in the session today, did not receive any feedback.

Chair Dolen extended happy birthday wishes to FNDTA President S. Smith!

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer