

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
February 11, 2020

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Trustee
R. Irwin, Trustee
Y. Taylor, Trustee
B. Dolan, Trustee VIA telephone
D. Samchuck, Superintendent
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary
S. Smith, FNDTA President
E. Dorosz-Gagne, FNDTA Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open Meeting to order at 6:00 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 January 21, 2020. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair Dolen declared the minutes accepted as presented.

Report on Closed

- Email from G. Li – Trustee Slideshow
- Janitor/Security Contracts
- Retirement Letter

R20-008 Local Calendar Consultation

Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert

That the Board of Education direct Secretary Treasurer Hall to provide three calendar options for 2020/2021 to be sent out to for circulation. Lengthy discussion ensued.

CARRIED

It is suggested that the Secretary-Treasurer put out some calendar scenarios and have people vote in order of preference. We still need to confirm when the literacy assessment will be scheduled. Once the calendar is completed people should be advised that it may be

amended depending on the grade 12 assessment date. We should write a letter to the Minister requesting the assessment day be selected.

R20-009	That the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister asking that a date for the literacy assessment be selected and confirmed. CARRIED	B. Dolan/M. Gilbert
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Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

R20-010	Principal Reports That the Board of Education file the Principal reports as presented. CARRIED	R. Irwin/Y. Taylor
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Trustee Taylor commented on JSC report regarding the PAC and Monkey Business however, based on past conversations Leah Lollipop doesn't hold her classes in the schools anymore, she runs her program at the Rec Centre.

Trustee Dolen mentioned the RLA report and having D. Sutherland's shop class build projects on their wish list. One of these projects being benches behind the cage, but he believes that we already have some metal seating available. We should check with the Director of Facilities to see where these are and if they can be used for this. Trustee Irwin stated that D. Sutherland enjoys taking on these projects and having good projects for his students to complete. This may have been suggested at the latest PAC meeting.

R20-011	Staff Amendments That the Board of Education file the Staff Amendment Report as received. CARRIED	M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor
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R20-012	Trustee Reports and Inquiries That the Board of Education file the report as presented CARRIED	R. Irwin/Y. Taylor
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Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Dolan – Participated in the Transport Canada Survey. It's an interesting survey to complete with permission from the Chair. It speaks to many community obstacles such as getting in and out of town safely, maternity leave for residents, medical trips, distances we must travel for these trips, recruitment and retention and the difficulties associated with all of this.

- Chair Dolen – Thank you card from Toad River Teacher, T. Capes. Attended the NIB conference and AGM.
- Trustee Irwin – Was able to make the trek to Fort Simpson with a former student who had volunteered to coach. It was a great trip.
- Trustee Taylor – Attended the grade 10 passion project. One of the students seemed frazzled and had only recipes for her project, Trustee Taylor suggested that for the capstone project she make one of the recipes she was displaying. Attended the community play, it was excellent!! Attended Dr. Professor on Saturday, it's quite interesting. Will attend Pro D meetings. Has agreed to pick up Pro-D guests from the airport.
- Trustee Gilbert – Further to Linda's project regarding recruitment and retention. Having a foundation for economic development is important. What we hear from people is that the livability of the community is the first steps to getting people here. Attended Identity Day at GWC. Arrived close to the end of the event but sat with the Administrator for a few minutes and heard some comments. There was a wide range of projects there including some that had something scribbled on the page and others that looked like dad had been working hard on it for three weeks. The atmosphere was very welcoming in the sense from the parents that they were happy where their kids were going to school. Support staff were talking about what a great job their students did. There was an announcement by Cryopeak that they were coming to town. They've indicated that they'd like to open apprenticeship spots and hire local.
- Superintendent Samchuck – Had two people from the Ministry up visiting last week checking out the things we are doing. K. MacIntosh has been hired to meet with school less than 1000. She was accompanied by Roger who is creating a dashboard and showed us different data and all that can be done with MyEd. They took tours of all schools. Support staff, C. Giddings, at JSC did a presentation explaining what she does, how she records; she did an excellent job. Timing was great as it was shark week at RLA. M. Gilbert was doing a shark dissection. They were also introduced to L. Gilbert. Then they visited GWC, it was read aloud day with Mrs. Yeager-Lobb's class, also got to read in Mrs. Carter's class the kids were great! Spoke with Principal, then off to FNSS to meet with Principal Theobald and Vice Principal Attrill. The team was very impressed with how warmly they were welcomed and how articulate they were in how they work with students. There's a meeting with the Ministry to discuss recruitment and retention.

- Secretary Treasurer Hall – Attended the passion projects, was excellent. Also attended the read aloud day and identity day. We've been spending time on the FNSS washroom renovation project. There's been a significant number of questions, addendums have been sent out. We've extended the closing date to February 19.
- FNDTA President S. Smith – Was away for our last meeting as they were doing last minute preparations for the play. Extending much appreciation to D. Johnstone and S. Tofflemire for their hard work on this production. They are amazing individuals.
- FNDTA Liaison E. Dorosz-Gagne – It's been busy. In the process of wrapping up IEP's. Robotics team is leaving for Dawson Creek, they are also taking a debate club, maybe M. Anderson spearheading this. Everyone is excited about finishing up their robots.

Adjourned

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer