

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Tuesday  
March 31, 2020

In Attendance:

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

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.  
One item was added to Facilities/Services - Action:

- Closure of School Playgrounds

R20-013 That the Board of Education accept the Open Agenda as amended.  
CARRIED

Y. Taylor/R. Irwin

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of February 11, 2020. As no errors or omission were identified Chair Dolen declared the minutes accepted as presented.

Report on Closed Items:

- 2020/21 Calendar Selection
- Administrative Officer Contracts
- 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update/Guidelines
- 2020/21 Budget Update

R20-014 Calendar Selection

R. Irwin/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education accept Calendar No. 3.  
CARRIED

Trustee Dolan stated that he has always been in favor of Calendar No. 3 and reconvening before Labour Day, he feels even more

strongly about this decision now that COVID-19 is preventing students from returning to school. This extra time is invaluable to students.

Trustee Gilbert left the meeting at 6:04 pm.

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| R20-015 | <p>Capital Bylaw NO. 2020/21-CPSD81-01</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve all three readings of the 2020/21 Capital plan.<br/>CARRIED<br/>Discussion ensued</p>   | R. Irwin/B. Dolan  |
| R20-016 | <p>That the Board of Education adopt the 2020-21 Capital Plan.<br/>CARRIED</p>  | Y. Taylor/B. Dolan |
| R20-017 | <p>Closure of Playgrounds</p> <p>That the Board of Education close all School Playgrounds, post signage and tape off playground equipment.<br/>CARRIED</p> <p>Secretary-Treasurer Hall received phone call stating that all Municipal playgrounds are being closed, swings removed, signage placed stating the area is closed. Asked if Board wanted the same decision for School District.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> | R. Irwin/B. Dolan  |
| R20-018 | <p>Monitoring of Playgrounds</p> <p>That the Board of Education suggest that staff work with NRRM for possible monitoring of our playgrounds.<br/>CARRIED</p> <p>Chair Dolen stated subsequent to the motion we will have signs prepared and notify the public.</p>   | R. Irwin/B. Dolan  |
| R20-019 | <p>Education – Information Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Letter to Minister Fleming</li><li>• Synopsis – BCCSTA Provincial Council Summary</li><li>• Reading Data – RLA</li><li>• Principal Reports</li><li>• Science World Writeup</li></ul> <p>That the Board of Education file these Education-Information items as received.<br/>CARRIED</p>   | R. Irwin/Y. Taylor |

Trustee Gilbert returned to the meeting at 6:21 pm.

R20-020 Tender for Board Office Cleaning R. Irwin/Y. Taylor

That the Board of Education endorsed their decision previously, by email, to accept the bid from Princess Mae Janitorial, for a three-year term from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.

CARRIED

R20-021 Bids for Washroom Renovation Capital Project FNSS Y. Taylor/R. Irwin

That the Board of Education endorse the approval made by email previously to accept the bid from Hegge Construction for a cost of \$787,000 + GST

CARRIED

R20-022 February Monthly Financials Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert

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

CARRIED

#### Trustee Reports and Inquiries

- Trustee Taylor – Attended JSC PAC meeting in February. Attended FNSS PAC meeting. Spoke about capital. Attended the speed control assembly, this was very well done and enjoyed by staff and students.
- Trustee Irwin – Attended the RLA PAC. They are so active and full of great ideas and plans for good things, such as Pancake breakfast, family night, yearbook etc. unfortunately most will not likely happen now.
- Trustee Dolan – Attended the FNSS PAC Meeting, the school tour was brief, parents had very little input. The principal tried prompting parents to contribute ideas. Attended the Pro D committee debrief, they are looking at a keynote speaker for year. In a couple of weeks, he will be participating in a medical focused conference on recruitment and retention in our area.
- Chair Dolen – Participated on some BCSTA conference calls. There is an App available focusing on COVID-19 daily questions and answers. There is a tentative agreement between BCTF and BCPSEA. BCSTA is hosting the Leadership Series online, she will be listening and taking part. Please advise if anyone is interested in participating.
- Trustee Gilbert – Unsure of where GWC PAC Meetings will take place going forward. The turn out is better when it's held at the Rec Centre. Heard reports of the Premier on the

radio. He was setting to advise the public how long they expect this to go on, potentially it could be as late as June. Best case scenario 100,000 people affected, worse case it could double that amount. It is a scary time.

- Superintendent Samchuck – Staff are back at work, either virtually or in person. Things are going well. We are taking things slow and steady. We try to keep our staff at the forefront of all decisions so that they can stay safe and healthy. We have regular meetings with S. Smith and Principals. We are doing our best to stay on top of things and keep people informed. Staff are working hard at coming up with some creative ideas.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall – The FNSS washroom project has been approved, contractor has been selected. Before starting we had to have some areas tested for asbestos. They were scheduled to come up over spring break and take samples. We are currently waiting on results of this testing. The Cladding project has also been approved. The ministry announced that given the COVID-19 outbreak we could hold funds over until next year. This is a fairly straight forward project, not nearly as complex as the washroom reno. We have received many phone calls and much interest has been shown for the project, so we've taken the decision to go ahead as planned. We will see where we sit once the Tender is closed.
- FNDTA President, S. Smith – Dr. Julie Carrington, based out of Alberta has been selected for next year's Pro D. Thanks to the Pro D committee for the well run Pro D in February. We are hoping that the new labor relations contract will get ratified soon. Thanks to Chair Dolen for adjusting the meeting and setting up to attend the meeting VIA Teams.
- FNDTA Liaison, E. Dorosz – Gagne – Reached out to about 20 students so far over the past couple of days. It's nice to hear that they are wishing they were back at school.

Trustee Gilbert mentioned that not so long ago online learning was unheard of. Lets approach this situation with confidence.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Linda Dolen  
Chair

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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer