

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

Open Meeting
1:00 pm

Tuesday
May 12, 2020

In Attendance:

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

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda.
One item was added to Facilities/Action:

- Playground update

R20-025 That the Board of Education accept the Open Agenda as amended.
CARRIED

B. Dolan/Y. Taylor

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of April 21. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair Dolen declared the minutes accepted as presented.

Report on Closed

- Ministry update
- Staff appreciation
- Replacement vehicle
- Tender – FNSS Cladding Project

R20-026 Scholarship Committee

B. Dolan/Y. Taylor

That the Board of Education select a Scholarship Committee representative.
CARRIED

Trustee Irwin has agreed to be a Scholarship committee representative and to attend the upcoming meeting.

R20-027 Playground

B. Dolan/Y. Taylor

That the Board of Education approve the reopening of school playgrounds for students that are attending school.
CARRIED

Superintendent Samchuck stated that principals are requesting the playground be open for students attending school. Students will be required to wash hands before going outside and prior to them returning to class. Someone will be monitoring the children to ensure proper social distancing rules are being followed while on the playground. Trustee Dolan inquired if we have staff available to keep this safe, yes, we do. Trustee Gilbert inquired if we have given this due consideration; yes, we have.
Discussion ensued.

R20-028 April Monthly Financials

M. Gilbert/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education file the April Monthly Financials as received.
CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Hall explained the overage in salaries. The overages are due to more TTOC's. This budget will have to be increased. Trustee Gilbert asked if TTOCs' are eligible for compensation for lost work. Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated that if they were scheduled and confirmed into the future, we did pay them for that time through March/April. They were advised to go on EI. Discussion ensued.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Irwin – Nothing
- Trustee Dolan – Attended a brief Pro-D meeting. He would like to commend the Pro-D Committee, between Superintendent and A. Dekeneas it seems that we have good communication regarding many of the teachers' concerns. At the last meeting the concerns were addressed, and minds were put at ease. Was very pleased with the message in the newspaper. He would like to commend L. Woodworth for linking all kids up with "All About Me", she deserves an atta girl!!
- Trustee Taylor – Nothing
- Trustee Gilbert – Any messaging for public consumption we must enforce the fact that school is for learning. Our

primary focus is on education. This needs to be our primary driver and should remain so.

- Chair Dolen – Attended several Board Chairs’ meetings. When students in grades K – 5 return to school we will be in stage 4 of this process and the hope is to be at that stage sometime next month. Stage 3 is students returning to school. It will be up to the parents to let students return to school or keep them home and continue to do what they’ve been doing. Full time start up in September is still unknown.
- Superintendent Samchuck – Things are going smoothly. She’s been meeting with FNDTA President S. Smith one to two times weekly. She’s attended several Zoom meetings.
- Secretary – Treasurer Hall – She has attended several conference calls and Zoom meetings including a call with the northern group of Secretary – Treasurers, they seem to be having a hard time keeping up with the cleaning. In other districts staff are expecting cleaners to come in and clean equipment ie. photocopier, as it is used. We have the necessary supplies beside the equipment and clean it after we use it. The expectation is to look after ourselves as we do at home.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the open meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer