

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

Open Meeting
1:00 pm

Tuesday
June 2, 2020

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Trustee VIA Zoom
R. Irwin, Trustee
Y. Taylor, Trustee
B. Dolan, Trustee
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 meeting to order at 1:00 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 May 12. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair Dolen declared the minutes accepted as presented.

Report on Closed

- LRFP Presentation – B. Low
- Staff Appreciation
- School District Planning & Reporting Template
- Pandemic Response Plan
- COVID 19 Worksafe Guidelines – SD 81
- SD 81 Stage 3 – Health & Safety Plan
- Letter from Ministry of Education
- 2019/20 K-12 Regular Enrolment Compliance Audit Final Report

R20-029 Cladding at Fort Nelson Secondary School

R. Irwin/Y. Taylor

That the Board of Education endorse the acceptance of the bid from WL Construction for \$984,000.

CARRIED

R20-030

Staff Amendment

Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education file the Staff Amendment Report as received.

CARRIED

Superintendent Samchuck added that as of Monday morning we have confirmed that the RLA SSRT position has been filled as a fulltime continuing position.

R20-031

Carbon Neutral Report

Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education file the report as presented.

CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated that this is the annual report. Because of our reduced emissions over time we were able use a smaller emitters report. We have done a significant amount of work reducing our carbon footprint. Trustee Dolan inquired about the offsets; we will be paying the Ministry that amount? Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated that yes, we will be paying that amount but then we will receive a grant for that same amount. Trustee Dolan commends the way this report is written and all that we have accomplished.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Gilbert – What do we know of school reopening, parental take and community response? Superintendent Samchuck has received updates from FNSS and GWC. They are reporting fewer students than the amount signed up to return. GWC reported that things went smoothly, all staff were present and overall it was a good morning and very quiet. S. Smith visited RLA and JSC, basically the same thing happening there, fewer students but everything ran smoothly.
- Trustee Irwin – Nothing to report
- Trustee Dolan – Nothing to report
- Trustee Taylor – Nothing to report
- Chair Dolen – Participated in a few conference calls, but nothing that needs to be shared in the open meeting.
- Superintendent Samchuck – Is to participate in a Zoom meeting later today to find out how the day went across the province and another meeting in the morning. Things are going well. Everyone has been very appreciative of the work that Secretary-Treasurer Hall and Director of Facilities, D. Low put in to provide a cleaning schedule.

- Secretary-Treasurer Hall – Accolades to Superintendent Samchuck for her leadership during this time and the staff for all the work that has gone in to returning to school.

The asbestos abatement crew is here and setting up to get started at FNSS. She, along with Director of facilities, D. Low had an online meeting to answer questions and address any concerns surrounding this project. We are confident that all measures are in place to keep everyone safe.

- FNDTA Liaison, E. Dorosz-Gagne – Students that are present seem to be happy to be back. It's a busy time getting grad organized and following up on details. Grad is on June 18 at 1:00 pm. In attendance will be graduates, Principal Theobald, VP S.J. Attrill and Sarah Tofflemire. Speakers will be notified closer to the date. No parents will be in attendance. The grad will be live streamed.
- FNDTA President, S. Smith – The FNDTA AGM was held three weeks ago, a new executive has been elected. G. Gough was elected as the new FNDTA President, E. Dorosz-Gagne will be back as FNDTA Liaison as well as J. Gilbert who will also be a liaison, S. Johnson will be secretary. S. Tofflemire will be leaving to have a baby, she will be difficult to replace. P. Virginillo will take over for her as Co-Chair of the Health & Safety Committee.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer