

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
October 20, 2020

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Trustee
R. Irwin, Trustee
Y. Taylor, Trustee
B. Dolan, Trustee
D. Samchuck, Superintendent
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary
G. Gough, FNDTA President
J. Gilbert, FNDTA Liaison

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open Meeting to order at 6:05 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 September 22. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair Dolen accepted the Open Minutes as presented.

Report on Closed Items

- Long Range Facilities Plan
- Financial Reports

Enhancing Student Learning Report

Superintendent Samchuck discussed the results of the report. As of July, we did not have much data. The data was revised as it was received. It was important to screen grade one students this year to determine if they needed any support or remediation from not attending school at the end of the year due to COVID-19. We will be putting support in place for those who need it. The data results are a little lower this year, we can contribute this to students not being in class. Discussion ensued.

Board Meeting Dates

The Toad River Graduation is scheduled for June 22nd. We will tentatively change this scheduled meeting date to June 23rd. Chair Dolen asked how this impacts PAC meeting dates? It has no impact, RL Angus is willing to move their dates. Trustee Gilbert suggests that we have an event calendar available when scheduling next years dates.

R20-049 Technology Inventory Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education give authorization to D. Johnstone to sell the items listed in the Technology Inventory. Revenue will be put back into the technology budget.
CARRIED

Trustee Gilbert asks that we not only post on Social Media, but we run an ad in the local newspaper as well. Not everyone has access to a computer.

R20-050 Education – Information Items M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor

- Superintendent’s Report
- Principal’s Report – FNSS & Toad River
- Technology Report
- Enrollment Report
- Foundation Skills Assessment

That the Board of Education receive and file the Education Information items as received.
CARRIED

Trustee Gilbert acknowledges the time and effort that goes into preparing these reports.

R20-051 Staff Amendments B. Dolan/R. Irwin

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

R20-052 Financial Information Statements M. Gilbert/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education file the Finance Information Statements as received.
CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Irwin – He was unable to attend the RLA PAC meeting but met with the Principal. School is busy but good. Felt the morale of the school was very good despite COVID. PAC executive is filled. The first pizza lunch was well received. School staff is working together to come up with a plan on how to continue with the learning symposium.
- Trustee Dolan – He was unable to attend the Pro-D committee meeting. Attended the FNSS PAC meeting via Zoom. They have taken a hiatus from fundraising. He is loving the new look at the high school, very classy; a beautiful upgrade. Students seem to like the quarter system they are on. The Whitehatter has been well received by the PAC, they are looking at an online version. Should be good thing for senior students as it addresses concerns for kids as they get older.
- Trustee Taylor – She attended the grad policy meeting and two PAC meetings at JSC. They now have their books up to date. They decided against signing up for munch and lunch this year. They were wondering how often they are allowed treats in the school. Superintendent Samchuck stated that as a part of our Healthy Eating program treats are not allowed in schools. She inquired about this year's PAC Allocations which will be distributed tomorrow.
- Trustee Gilbert – There is a Provincial Council meeting on Saturday which he will attend. He will attend the GWC PAC meeting this week.
- Chair Dolen – There has been a noticeable decline in Zoom meetings. Attended the Board Chairs' meeting on the 15. They are in the process of developing presentations for people to understand trustee rights and responsibilities. She has made this report available to trustees on Board Business.
- Superintendent Samchuck – She has put a Draft Grad Policy on Board Business for your review. Two weeks ago, she attended a Zoom meeting for Strong Start. It is the hope that they will open up in some capacity by appointment. This meeting was put on by the Early Learning Department. Will have another meeting tomorrow with our Strong Start Facilitators with proposed startup plan.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall – Thanks to Trustee Dolan for commenting on the high school. The cladding should be done by October 31. They were asked to not work on the front of the building while students and staff were present. The bathroom project will take a little longer. They will be moving their material out of the gym so that maintenance can get in there to paint walls and get the gym ready for

classes. They have experienced different problems that came up on this project which pushed them back about two weeks. They should finish in 3-4 weeks.

- FNDTA President G. Gough – Enjoys Zoom meetings, gets to go into the schools. Everyone seems to be themselves, unaffected by COVID.
- FNDTA Liaison J. Gilbert – Nothing to report. As a product of the Fort Nelson school system he has benefited from the people on this Board.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer