

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
December 15, 2020

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Trustee Via Zoom
R. Irwin, Trustee Via Zoom
Y. Taylor, Trustee Via Zoom
B. Dolan, Trustee Via Zoom
D. Samchuck, Superintendent Via Zoom
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Guests:

D. Johnstone, Via Zoom
G. Gough, FNDTA President Via Zoom
J. Gilbert, FNDTA Liaison Via Zoom

Call to Order

Chair Dolen Called the Open meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda.
One change was noted.

- D. Johnstone to do a presentation on ECS Firewall Hardening Knowledge Transfer.

R20-063 That the board of Education accept the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the minutes of November 3. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair Dolen accepted the Open Minutes as presented.

Report on Closed

- Amended Policy 5250 – Inspection of School Lockers
- Staff Christmas gift delivery
- Graduation Parade
- Update on COVID 19
- Excluded Days Vacation Plan
- Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)
- Government Reporting Entity Submission (GRE)
- Federal COVID Fund Report

Election of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Nominations took for Board Chair and Vice Chair. Trustee Gilbert notified the Board that wished to step back as Vice Chair, after nominations it was determined that L. Dolan will remain as Chair and B. Dolan has been elected Vice Chair.

R20-064	RL Angus Elementary School Amended Fundraising Plan	M. Gilbert/B. Dolan
	That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Elementary School amended fundraising plan in the amount of \$1000 and authorize RL Angus Elementary School to solicit funds. CARRIED	
	Trustee Taylor expressed concern amount renting school equipment to parents.	
R20-065	Toad River School Enhancing Student Learning Plan	Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert
	That the Board of Education approve the Toad River School Enhancing Student Learning Plan. CARRIED	
R20-066	JS Clark Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Plan	R. Irwin/M. Gilbert
	That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Plan. CARRIED	
R20-067	GW Carlson Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Plan	B. Dolan/Y. Taylor
	That he Board of Education approve the GW Carlson Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Plan. CARRIED	
R20-068	RL Angus Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Plan	Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert
	That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Plan. CARRIED	
R20-069	Fort Nelson Secondary School Enhancing Student Learning Plan	B. Dolan/R. Irwin
	That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Enhancing Student Learning Plan. CARRIED	

R20-070 Principals' Reports Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

That he Board of Education File the reports as received.
CARRIED

D. Johnstone left the meeting at 6:12

R20-071 Staff Amendments R. Irwin/Y. Taylor

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

R20-072 October and November Monthly Financials M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor

That the Board of Education file the monthly financial reports as received.
CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Vice Chair Dolan – He attended a couple Pro D meetings and has forwarded the information. They were able to nail down the last session. He attended the FNSS PAC, been very quiet, had to postpone the tour of the new renos. He also attended the Trustee Academy. It was very sobering to hear that the last segregated school closed in 1983.
- Trustee Irwin – He attended the RLA PAC meeting. He received a very positive impression from them and it's nice to hear people talk about the schools' proceeding and planning of several neat activities. Those are fun projects and involves learning and physical activities. They spoke about the COVID cohort plan, they will be shuffling cohort groups after winter break so that the kids have the opportunity to interact with different kids.
- Trustee Gilbert – The GWC PAC meeting was cancelled due to the inability to provide quorum. Our employees have stood in a very difficult position since the public health emergency was initiated. We need to reflect on what they have done in terms of the courage it takes to go to work and the stability they've instilled in the community. This deserves recognition. Protective measures could be escalated to look after our front line workers. As far as the incident as FNSS, it is commendable that the Superintendent got the word out quickly.
- Chair Dolen – We are pleased with the FSA results. A conference call will take place on Thursday with all Board Chairs across the province.

- Superintendent Samchuck – It has been an extremely busy time at all schools. Everyone is ready for a well deserved break. We have a number of new students that just moved in, we are working to make plans for what is best for them. COVID is being discussed as we continue to keep up with new guidelines as they are announced.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall – Nothing to report
- FNDTA President, G. Gough – He would like to echo Trustee Gilbert’s comments. He is extremely proud of the staff and how they have handled the first four months of difficult times at the schools. It is safe to say that our district is a leader. Good job on the staff and the district.
- FNDTA Liaison, J. Gilbert – He would like to echo G. Gough’s comments. There is a lot going on at RL Angus Elementary School with winter fest, marker day all week. All activities have been facilitated with proper safety plans in place. This has made the term run smoothly. They have always had what was needed when needed, much appreciated.

Vice Chair Dolan stated that coming out of our closed meeting it was recommended that we move the graduation topic to the Open Meeting. We had the parade last year and it was well received. One of the things that came up is the legal liability, which is similar to dry grad. There was always a clear separation made between parents and the District. Dry grad is in no way connected with the School District for protection of the District.

R20-073	Graduation Parade	M. Dolen/M. Gilbert
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That the Board of Education advise that the formal involvement of School District #81 and its staff in the Fort Nelson Secondary School Graduation events ends at the conclusion of the school’s graduation ceremony.

Significant discussion ensued

R20-074	That the Board of Education Table motion R20-073 pending legal advice. CARRIED	T. Taylor/R. Riwin
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Adjournment
Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer