

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
February 9, 2021

In Attendance VIA Zoom:

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

Guests:

G. Gough, FNDTA President
E. Dorosz-Gagne, FNDTA Liaison
J. Gilbert, FNDTA Liaison (joined at 6:07 pm)

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open Meeting to order at 6:00 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 accepted the Open Agenda as presented.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of January 19. Three errors were identified:

- In Trustee reports and inquiries, it states Munch a Lunch, this should be Hot Lunch.
- The last sentence in Trustee Taylor's report to be removed as it is unclear.
- Trustee Gilbert's comment "although they are not frontline workers" should actually read "teachers are indeed frontline workers however they are not publicly recognized."

R21-005	That the Board of Education accept the Open Minutes of January 19, 2021 as amended. CARRIED	R. Irwin/B. Dolan
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R21-006	2021-2022 Proposed Local Calendar	Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert
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That the Board of Education approve Calendar Option #1 as the local calendar for 2021-2022
CARRIED

Vice-Chair Dolan commented that considering the year we have had with COVID, it is imperative that regular meaningful instruction begins as soon as students return to school.

R21-007 FNSS Amended Fundraising Plan M. Gilbert/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School amended Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$2500.00 and authorize Fort Nelson Secondary School to solicit funds.

CARRIED

R21-008 Principals' Reports M. Gilbert/R. Irwin

That the Board of Education file the Principals' Reports as received.

CARRIED

R21-009 Staff Amendments M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor

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

CARRIED

R21-010 January Monthly Financials M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor

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

CARRIED

Trustee Gilbert asked if there are any financial implications for the teacher substitute budget? Secretary-Treasurer Hall stated that we have made some changes to the budget levels, this was addressed in the last budget. Unfortunately, we have had some unexpected long term illnesses. We are hoping to reach the end of the year with less illness and healthier staff.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Taylor – As a Trustee who picks up a child at JSC every day she has noticed that Principal M. Murrin walks outside every day and waits for the bus, she stands and waves at all the students. It is so nice to see this from a principal!
- Trustee Irwin – Nothing to report
- Trustee Gilbert – He has an upcoming meeting next week with GWC PAC and is hoping to attend virtually. He would like to voice support to the teachers that have taken flack on social media. They are doing a good job in difficult circumstances. They have his support and the support of the Board.
- Vice-Chair Dolan – He will attend the FNSS PAC meeting tomorrow via Zoom. Pro D is pretty much finalized and will be a great event. On February 16 he will attend a meeting with Dan Davies regarding transportation or lack of. If an employee had to take the bus south

it is not an option. He is hoping to bring this up as a resident and as a trustee. He will report back to the Board on the meeting.

- Chair Dolen – She attended a couple of zoom meetings, one being the BCPSEA AGM where new directors were elected as well as the NIB meeting. She listened to the conversation with the Minister and the Health Officer just prior to the announcement of change in health guidelines.
- Superintendent Samchuck – She was on the Ministry Liaison meetings with Chair Dolen and Secretary-Treasurer Hall. She spent some time in the Enhancing Student Learning Plans group. Pleased to note that ours will only need a few tweaks which is not that bad. Others are starting from ground zero. A huge amount of time was spent on this. She has been putting the new guidelines in place and updating our district Health & Safety plan. The Mind Up curriculum is going well, the first session was enjoyable.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall – The Board generously provided funding to move from SDS to PowerSchool. We are just starting these training sessions now. We had a two hour introduction this morning and a 15 hour HR training program will start Thursday. We are targeting a go live date at the end of May. This is a huge commitment of time for SBO Staff, but we are excited. It looks to be a completely different system but with a lot of good benefits.
- G. Gough, FNDTA President – He has a meeting with MLA D. Davies next week and would like the Board and senior staff to know that he will go in with positive stories about our district and how great our district is dealing with the pandemic.
- J. Gilbert, FNDTA Liaison – With new guidelines coming in, teachers at RLA are feeling supported. PPE is made available as and when needed. He would like to echo Superintendent Samchuck's comment about Mind Up, the first session went well. He appreciates the district's flexibility with the day in lieu for the purposes of this training.
- E. Dorosz-Gagne – She thanked the Board for approving the amended Graduation fundraising plan as fundraising is very challenging this year. School seems to be going ok. When the most recent letter came out about the other COVID case at FNSS, no one went to see her this time. Hopefully this is a good sign. Students are wearing their masks and doing their part.

Chair Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer