

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Tuesday  
March 2, 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

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.

One addition was noted:

- Item 6 (Education – Information) c. 2021/22 Pro D Dates

R21-011 That the Board of Education accept the Open Agenda as amended.  
CARRIED

M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of February 9. As no errors or omissions were identified Chair Dolen accepted the Open Minutes as presented.

Report on Closed:

- Administrative Officer Contracts
- Items of Note on Board Business
- Staff Evaluations

R21-012 Adoption of Policy 5250 – Inspection of Student lockers

R. Irwin/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education adopt Policy 5250 – Inspection of Student Lockers.

CARRIED

R21-013	<p>2021-2022 Toad River Local Calendar</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Draft Local Calendar for Toad River School. CARRIED</p>	M. Gilbert/R. Irwin
R21-014	<p>2021-2022 District Pro-D Dates</p> <p>That the Board of Education approve February 17 and 18 as Pro D dates for 2021-2022. CARRIED</p> <p>Vice-Chair Dolan feels that these dates would be great as it is before a long weekend. Placement of these dates would be beneficial for all parties.</p>	B. Dolan/M. Gilbert
R21-015	<p>Education Information Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy – Child Care on School Property</li> <li>• 911 – Things Everyone Needs to Know</li> <li>• Rapid Response Team Network</li> <li>• Projected Enrolment</li> <li>• Principal’s Reports</li> </ul> <p>That the Board of Education file the Education Information items as received. CARRIED</p>	M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor
R21-016	<p>Staff Amendments</p> <p>That the Board of Education file the Staff Amendments Report as received. CARRIED</p>	B. Dolan/M. Gilbert
R21-017	<p>February Monthly Financials</p> <p>That the Board of Education file the February Monthly Financial Reports as received. CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Irwin – Nothing to report other than to say he was pleased that Chalo was invited to the annual Pro-D events and is hoping to take part next year.</li> <li>• Trustee Gilbert – He attended the Provincial Council meeting. He was there for several motions related to the request for the expansion of funding for distance education and the priority inclusion of school district employees in the</li> </ul>	Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert

distribution of the COVID Vaccine.

He missed the last PAC meeting at GWC but will attend the next one scheduled for March 11.

- Trustee Taylor – She missed the last PAC meeting at JSC, she plans on attending the next one on March 11.
- Vice-Chair Dolan – He noted in two of the Principals' reports that FSA's are going well. Kids seem to be into it which is interesting to see. Hopefully schools can use the data for informed instruction.

He attended the FNSS PAC meeting. There was a Live Differently presentation. He did drop in, it was a virtual presentation, the presenters went to great lengths to outline to students on how to have a civil discussion. They presented about courtesy, being respectful and honoring other peoples' points of view. This was important and good to see.

The FNSS PAC is looking into helping pay for some virtual reality headsets for the district. They are working with D. Johnstone to put together a proposal

He would like to commend the Pro-D committee for the hard work that was done.

- Chair Dolen – She attended a Board Chair's meeting on February 16. They reviewed that schools are still considered a safe place and good for students' mental health and emotional wellbeing.
- Superintendent Samchuck – Things have been fairly quiet; she attended a few zoom meetings. She and L. MacNeil called in for an Early Learning meeting with the ministry early learning team. There was some talk about childcare spaces and strong start. On Thursday we have the second Mind Up training by zoom. Our district in service day is scheduled for April 16, staff is looking at how they can include some local speakers into their day. We have also provided speakers with a list from other districts that they can reach out to.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall – With the presentation on the final budget, it was mentioned that we would have some savings from our high school capital projects that we were hoping to attach to administrative costs. We are still focused on COVID related ideas on enhancing safe environments. We will be replacing 60 toilets, 69 taps with touchless taps which will be a real enhancement. We have the final numbers in our COVID funds received by the end of June will be \$350,933. This was significant to offset the cost of cleaning, supplies, PPE, plexiglass barriers etc. Even with all this we still have enough funds to pursue our GPS (Global Plasma Solutions) initiative. We have the funds and feel this is the best way to go. We are pretty proud to have this in our

district. This is a high tech system providing the best quality air for our schools.

- FNDDA President Gough – He thoroughly enjoyed Pro-D, he got to take part in four sessions. It is great to be able to do it remotely, makes things easier. He did miss the camaraderie of joining with colleagues. The committee is already starting on next year's event with a mixture of virtual and in person, if allowed.

He is starting mid-year check ins with Administrators, he has had two meetings so far, both have been very positive.

- FNDDA Liaison, E. Dorosz-Gagne – Grads are wrapping up the Purdy's fundraiser tomorrow and starting the cash raffle right away, seems to be going quite well already. Kids are looking forward to grad, they are getting excited now. There is a change in classes for grades 8 and 9 at the end of this week with five weeks of one elective then switch over to a new elective. Nice change of pace for them. Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break.

Trustee Gilbert commented on the Information Package. At NRRM the new intern took on the 911 communications package and has prepared some teaching materials that have been distributed to the schools.

#### Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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Linda Dolen  
Chair

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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer