

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Tuesday
June 8, 2021

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

Guests:

G. Gough, FNDTA President
E. Dorosz-Gagne, FNDTA Liaison
B. Froese, Principal RLA
A. Dekaneas, Teacher RLA
S. Clark, Teacher RLA

Chair Dolen asked if it would be appropriate to have one minute of silence in recognition of the children's remains found in Kamloops.

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 any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of May 11. As no errors or omissions were identified, Chair Dolen accepted the Open Minutes as presented.

Report on Closed

- TDERC Survey
- Optional Insurance on Vacated Buildings

Presentation

B. Froese, A. Dekaneas & S. Clark of RLA did a presentation on Rural School's Initiative.

R21-029 Technology Report

Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

That the Board of Education give authorization to remove the Technology Inventory and give D. Johnstone authority to sell the items listed.

CARRIED

Trustee Gilbert would like to see the advertisement for this technology equipment in the local newspaper in advance of the disposition of equipment.

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| R21-030 | Principal Reports
That the Board of Education file the Principals' Reports as received.
CARRIED | Y. Taylor/R. Irwin |
| R21-031 | Staff Amendments
That the Board of Education file the Staff Amendments Report as received.
CARRIED | M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor |
| R21-032 | April Monthly Financials
That the Board of Education file the April Monthly Financials as received.
CARRIED | M. Gilbert/Y. Taylor |

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Taylor – Did not attend the JSC PAC meeting, however, did give her report to the Principal for her to pass on to the PAC. There is another Pac meeting this month, unsure of the date. She participated in the capstone project, via zoom. It was very interesting, certainly not as interesting as when we can participate in person. They were very well done!
- Trustee Irwin – He attended the final PAC meeting of the year for RLA. There is a recurring theme in his reports from RLA. Every meeting discusses fundraising at some level. They are looking forward to September with hopes of getting back to some sort of normal where they can have more fun doing their traditional activities. There are activities such as track & field and the moose run they were not expecting to do this year but they made it happen. The school broke these activities down to cohort groups and when hearing feedback students seemed to like it better this way. This was very motivating for everyone involved. The school has tried it's best to have a good year and keep the connection with students as best they could and over all it was a good year considering the situation.
- Vice-Chair Dolan – There were no June meetings with Pro-D or FNSS PAC. K. Reddy did approach the FNSS PAC with an expensive proposition with a continuation of Friends of

Rachel called Value Up. For a week long visit for some people to come here is a huge amount of money. He hopes that serious thought and review goes into this as it is a significant sum of money. He also took part in the capstones which he enjoyed.

- Chair Dolen – She had the opportunity to meet with the northern chairs via zoom. They reviewed the option of getting together as a northern trustee group between Dawson Creek, FSJ and Fort Nelson to discuss things we have learned coming out of COVID. The board Chair from FSJ is looking to set up a meeting for all trustees in the weeks following an announcement from the government regarding return to school. She worked with Trustees after the news of the 215 children in Kamloops and agreed to fly flags at half mast. Kathie Dickie reached out and would like to set up a meeting to discuss her life in residential school
- Superintendent Samchuck – She also took part in and loved the Capstone Project. They were very well done and was very impressed in how the students brought it all back to the core competencies. Kudos to SJ Attrill and K. Larson, they did a great job! Thanks to FNDTA President G. Gough and C. Loe for organizing the orange rocks for the orange shirt day. That was very special, and it went over well. She believes that our students now have a better understanding of what happened in residential schools.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall – The long weekend in May is usually the AGM for the Secretary-Treasurers' Association but due to COVID it has been done via zoom for the past two years. They arranged Pro-D sessions and offered a variety of different topics. She participated in the Asset Retirement Obligations session as well as Financial Management Policies.
She also took in a capital presentation. We were recently awarded funding to move our portable from RLA to JSC. We will be partnering with Family Development for before and after school care at both of our elementary schools. Trustee Gilbert asked is there clarity around what the School District's required involvement will be? Superintendent Samchuck stated that the children will be transitioning from the Ministry of Children and Families to education. We can offer our child care and get our own licenses or we can contract another agency who already licenses. We will be contracting to Family Development as they have their own licenses.
Discussion ensued.
- FNDTA President G. Gough – Thanks to everyone for a good year! It has been COVID heavy but as much as this has been a dominant force in the province and in our schools he is

really excited about how well the schools, the administration and the Board has worked together to make it a successful year. Kudos to C. Loe for creating the memorial in recognition of the 215 First Nation children, he was very happy to be part of this.

- FNDDTA Liaison, E. Dorosz-Gagne – Thanks to everyone, this has been a good year. She always felt good about going to FNSS even when we did have an uptake in cases. Thanks for continued support and ensuring that everything ran smoothly in COVID times. Paeon Fuentes has been nominated for grad valedictorian. Grad fundraising has wrapped up and they are in the process of getting everything ready. She will be the grad sponsor again next year! She gave a shout out to GWC, she attended welcome to kindergarten last week with her daughter, it was very well done! She has a busy year next year so she will not be the FNDDTA Liaison, this will be her last meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer