

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

Open Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday
November 9, 2021

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
B. Dolan, Vice-Chair
M. Gilbert, Trustee (by ZOOM)
Y. Taylor, Trustee
R. Irwin, Trustee

D. Samchuck, Superintendent
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dolen at 6:04 p.m. Chair Dolen acknowledged that we were on the traditional territory of Fort Nelson First Nation.

R21-050 Acceptance of the Agenda Dolan/Irwin
That the Agenda be accepted as amended.
CARRIED

10.a. Principals' Reports – FNSS added to the agenda

Acceptance of the Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the open minutes from the meeting of October 19, 2021. As none were identified Chair Dolen accepted the Open Minutes as presented.

Report from Closed:
Employee Postings
BC Vaccine Mandate
Bargaining
Christmas Planning
Conflict of Interest
Employee Retirement
Notice of Liability
Financial Reports

R21-051 Toad River School PAC Fundraising Plan Taylor/Irwin
That the Board of Education approve the Toad River School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$2000.00

CARRIED

R21-052 JS Clark Elementary School Fundraising Plan Dolan/Irwin
That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark School fundraising plan in the amount of \$2800.00 and authorization to solicit funds.

CARRIED

R21-053 JS Clark Parent Advisory Fundraising Plan Irwin/Gilbert
That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark Elementary School parent advisory fundraising plan in the amount of \$8600 and authorization to solicit funds.

CARRIED

R21-054 GWC Fundraising Plan Taylor/Irwin
That the Board of Education approve the GWC Fundraising plan in the amount of \$1200 and authorization to solicit funds.

CARRIED

R21-055 GWC Parent Advisory Fundraising Plan Irwin/Dolan
That the Board of Education approve the GW Carlson Elementary School PAC fundraising plan in the amount of \$13,320 and authorization to solicit funds.

CARRIED

R21-056 RLA Fundraising Plan Gilbert/Irwin
That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Elementary School fundraising plan in the amount of \$1600 and authorization to solicit funds.

CARRIED

R21-057 RLA Parent Advisory Fundraising Plan Gilbert/Dolan
That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus School PAC fundraising plan in the amount of \$6300 and authorization to solicit funds.

CARRIED

R21-058 FNSS Fundraising Plan Taylor/Dolan
That the Board of Education approve the FNSS fundraising plan in the amount of \$9750 and authorization to solicit funds.

CARRIED

R21-059 Table Part of FNSS Fundraising Plan Taylor/Dolan
That the Board of Education table \$3090 of the FNSS fundraising plan related to the taco lunch meals and further that the Superintendent will respond on Board Business with further information on this item.

CARRIED

R21-060 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan – Toad River School
 Dolan/Irwin
That the Board of Education approve the Toad River School Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

CARRIED

R21-061 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan – GW Carlson School
 Taylor/Gilbert
That the Board of Education approve the GW Carlson School Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

CARRIED

R21-062 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan - JS Clark School
 Gilbert/Taylor
That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark School Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

CARRIED

R21-063 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan – RL Angus School
 Dolan/Irwin
That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus School Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

CARRIED

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan for FNSS will be presented at the next board meeting.

R21-064

Education Information Items

Dolan/Yvette

That the Board of Education receive the information presented in the following items:

Principal Reports

Letter from A. Cheyne

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Dolan commented on the focus on the topic of Reconciliation in the reports.

Trustee Gilbert commented on the high quality of reporting in very difficult circumstances.

With respect to the letter written by A. Cheyne Chair Dolen reported that the Board of Education will not be proceeding at this time with a vaccination mandate; that the Board continues to encourage staff to be vaccinated.

Northern Interior Branch Meeting attendance in December – two trustees are interested in attending – Chair Dolen will look into whether there is an option for zoom attendance.

Trustee Reports

Vice-Chair Dolan reported that the Pro-d Committee were continuing to work hard, with teachers on the committee very committed. He reported that almost all the sessions scheduled for pro d days will be virtual.

Trustee Irwin reported that he had attended the RLA Parent Advisory Committee Meeting. Plans are proceeding with the school's traditional WinterFest Activity in December. He mentioned there had been discussion on the renovations taking place. There is a Christmas card fundraiser taking place similar to last year.

Trustee Taylor reported that there was a fundraiser taking place with JSC Parent Advisory.

Trustee Gilbert reported that he had attended the GWC Parent Advisory. He said they struggled with carrying out some of their activities.

Trustee Gilbert reported that he had attended the Provincial Council Meeting.

Chair Dolen reported that she had attended the third annual Jointly Convened Annual Meeting hosted by the Ministry of Education, First Nation Education Steering Committee, and the Indigenous Service Committee.

She also attended the Partner Liaison Meeting with the Superintendent. She offered congratulations to the Superintendent for holding such a high standard of achievement in the province. She also reported that there had been meetings with BCPSEA – that November was the beginning of local bargaining.

The Superintendent reported that she also had attended the Tripartite Meeting. She reported that they felt there was an overuse of Adult Dogwoods for Indigenous students; that they wanted to raise the bar.

The Superintendent reported that she had participated in Northern Health zoom meetings; Ministry meetings and a principals' meeting. She mentioned that coaches must be fully vaccinated and that there had been lots of discussion on covid.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that both the nominal roll and transportation agreements had been signed off between the school district and two First Nation Bands and that she appreciated their cooperation.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that a template identifying the status of ventilation in our school buildings had been prepared by the Ministry of Education. This template was completed by the Director of Facilities for each of our buildings and has been posted on the website, as required by the Ministry.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that GW Carlson School cladding was completed; that a small area of the cladding at Toad River School was outstanding but otherwise complete; and RL Angus School was a work in progress with new cladding and larger window installation taking place.

We are working with Fort Nelson Family Development with the transition into the portable at JS Clark. Both JS Clark and GW Carlson have been working particularly hard to accommodate family development programs during the transition to their permanent location. Family Development programs operate in all of our schools – the cooperation of school staff is well recognized.

Trustee Dolan acknowledged how staff have been able to stretch the dollars to make these projects happen.

Trustee Taylor commented that a parent had noted a TTOC presentation included on our website – they were quite impressed with it. The

Superintendent advised that our Vice-Principal FNSS/District Principal had prepared the presentation and that it was extremely well done.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer