

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Tuesday  
December 7, 2021

In Attendance:

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

Guests:

G. Gough, FNDDA President (Via Zoom)  
M. Theobald, FNSS Principal

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 Agenda. Three items were added:

- Presentation – M. Theobald - Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan for FNSS
- Education – Information – Reading Data for Term 1
- Finance – Information – SOFI Report

R21-065 That the Board of Education accept the Open Agenda as amended.  
CARRIED

R. Irwin/B. Dolan

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of November 9. As none were identified Chair Dolen accepted the minutes of November 9 as presented.

Presentation – Principal M. Theobald presented his Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan for FNSS.

R21-066 Fundraising Plan

B. Dolan/R. Irwin

That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Fundraising Plan (Taco Lunch) in the amount of \$3090.

CARRIED

R21-067 FNSS Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan B. Dolan/R. Irwin

That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Plan.

CARRIED

R21-068 Education – Information Items: Y. Taylor/M. Gilbert

- Recruitment & Retention – SD 91 (Nechako Lakes)
- Early Learning Data in BC
- Principal Reports
- Reading Data – Term 1

That the Board of Education file the Education – Information items as received.

CARRIED

R21-069 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report Y. Taylor/R. Irwin

That the Board of Education file the SOFI Report as received.

CARRIED

Trustee Gilbert understands that the district is obligated to provide this information, however he votes against doing so. His intent in not supporting this is not to dispute the legal requirements but rather to identify a symbolic way our privacy is displayed for political agendas.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

Chair Dolan received her third shot. With Christmas coming up, please sign the card that will be distributed to staff along with their gift cards. Local bargaining has started, they had their first meeting last week and will have another tomorrow. She also attended the JS Clark PAC meeting on behalf of Trustee Taylor.

Trustee Taylor attended the LEA meeting last week, as well as the bargaining meeting. She has put forward a motion in Closed to work with NRRM to compile a letter regarding the shortfalls in our medical system and the effect it is having on our community.

Vice Chair Dolan attended Find Your Fit at FNSS, they had some nice young people manning the stations and it was very well done. Heather has done a great job coordinating the event. He attended the FNSS PAC meeting as well as the Pro-D meeting. The Pro-D committee is a great group, they work hard

and have a lot of great ideas and speakers lined up for our upcoming event in February.

Trustee Irwin also attended the Find your Fit, however, only spent a short time there, it was great! He has reached out to the Pro-D Committee and was pleased with their quick response and the invitations for Chalo staff to attend. He attended a short RLA PAC meeting. He was happy to be able to have an LEA Meeting in person this week, this was a quick review, reacquainting and introducing new people. After a year's absence it was nice to rekindle that.

Trustee Gilbert – He attended the GWC PAC meeting, the principal reported that they had a fantabulous group of parents; 90% of parents showing up for parent teacher interviews, this is very impressive. It is business as usual, there were discussions surrounding the things they could still and could not do. The upcoming Christmas concert will be virtual again this year. If anyone has any interest in the Administrator's position at NLC it has become available. If there is any interest or if the group knows of anyone that may be interested, please forward the information along. We need talent and energy to get our Fort Nelson Campus going again.

Superintendent Samchuck also attended the bargaining meeting last week and will attend another tomorrow. She attended the LEA meeting; some changes were made and forwarded to the Board so they can be passed on to the Chalo Independent School Society. We are currently looking at a Mind Up program for adults, we will chat with G. Gough to see how we can implement this in schools. There is another mental health tool called Parachute, other districts have implemented this with great success. She has a call in to get costs associated with the program.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall attended the same meetings mentioned. She gave an update on the ongoing project at RLA, the crew is now gone for a week on days off, we are hoping to see some metal show up this week to begin siding once they return. They were hoping the windows and insulation be completed by now. We should start to see some color and get back to some normalcy very soon.

G. Gough – Thanks to M. Theobald for his presentation, it was very interesting and well done. Teachers are going to extra lengths for fine arts and Christmas events and he is looking forward to watching.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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Linda Dolen  
Chair

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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer