

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Wednesday
November 8, 2023

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
B. Dolan, Vice Chair
K. Dickie, Trustee
Y. Taylor, Trustee
M. Theobald, Superintendent
M. Power, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary
G. Gough, FNDTA President
K. Trainor, FNDTA Liaison

Absent: F. Peach, Trustee

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open Meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda.

Two additions to Education – Information:

- Superintendent's Report
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report

R23-053	That the Board of Education accept the Open Agenda as amended. CARRIED	K. Dickie/B. Dolan
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Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omission of the Open Minutes of October 18, 2023. Two errors were noted.

- FNDTA President, G. Gough was not present at the Open Meeting of October 18
- Clerical error

Administrative Assistant Anderson will amend the minutes of October 18 to address these errors.

R23-054	That the Board of Education accept the Minutes of October 18 as Amended. CARRIED	K. Dickie/B. Dolan
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R23-055	Distance Education Student Requesting Permission to Take Part in FNSS Graduation Ceremony	Y. Taylor/B. Dolan
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That the Board of Education approve student to take part in the FNSS graduation ceremony provided he has met all graduation requirements. This student will not be eligible to receive any scholarships offered through FNSS.

CARRIED

The Board strongly encourages the family to participate in graduation fundraising.

R23-056	Proposal to Change Bylaw #3 – Change Meeting Days from Tuesdays to Wednesdays.	B. Dolan/Y. Taylor
	That the Board of Education approve all three readings to change Bylaw #3 – Board Meeting Proceedings.	
	CARRIED	
R23-057	That the Board of Education approve the change in meeting dates from Tuesdays to Wednesdays.	K. Dickie/B. Dolan
	CARRIED	
R23-058	That the Board of Education approve the Toad River School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$3,800.00.	Y. Taylor/K. Dickie
	CARRIED	
R23-059	That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the amount \$1,050.00.	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
	CARRIED	
R23-060	That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$8,300.00.	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
	CARRIED	
R23-061	That the Board of Education approve the GW Carlson Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$250.00.	B. Dolan/Y. Taylor
	CARRIED	
R23-062	That the Board of Education approve the GW Carlson Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$12,700.00.	Y. Taylor/K. Dickie
	CARRIED	
R23-063	That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$2,100.00.	Y. Taylor/B. Dolan
	CARRIED	
R23-064	That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$3,500.00.	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
	CARRIED	

R23-065 That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$38,200.00.
CARRIED

Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

Trustee Taylor questioned the snacks that are being sold for the yearbook fundraising. They don't fit the BC Health Guidelines. She also wondered what would happen if/when the cafeteria opened. Superintendent Theobald stated that he will check with Miss Shortland on the quality of the snacks and assured that if the cafeteria opened, we won't have competing entities. Vice Chair Dolan inquired about what happens with any fundraising that happens for trips that get cancelled; what happens to those funds? Those funds get rolled over and used for the trip the following year.

Vice Chair Dolan Commends Miss Shortland for taking on the yearbook, it is a huge undertaking. Good job!

R23-066 Strategic Plan
That the Board of Education approve the Development of the Strategic Plan.
CARRIED

Y. Taylor/B. Dolan

Based on the work done in the past the Board feels that we can work to develop a district strategic plan without contracting a facilitator. Trustee Dickie suggested that an external facilitator be brought in, this will allow full participation from all staff.

R23-067 Education - Information Items

- Principal Reports
- Superintendent's Report
- Secretary – Treasurer Report

That the Board of Education file the principal reports, Superintendent's and Secretary-Treasurer's reports as received.
CARRIED

B. Dolan/Y. Taylor

Financial Update

Secretary-Treasurer Power has been busy learning to run reports out of Atrieve, we seem to be doing well. Some admin costs seem high. Amended budget reports are due in February. Chair Dolen suggests having something to the Board on that budget at our next meeting.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Taylor attended the JSC PAC meeting where the principal went over their Enhancing Student Learning Plan. They are about to get their Christmas wrapping fundraiser underway. She will attend the Pro D meeting on Monday,

Pro D days are February 8 & 9, they have events booked and things are coming together.

- Trustee Dickie will attend the RLA PAC on November 20th. She would like to acknowledge that it is Indigenous Veterans Day today!
- Trustee Dolan attended the FNSS PAC meeting, parents raised ongoing racism concerns at the school and their dissatisfactions. The principal has assured us that he is dealing with the issue. Vernon has an anti-racism program they are developing that may be of interest. Another parent raised concerns from her son about the increased number of school age kids using drugs, may or may not be happening, but the understanding is that this is a community issue and that there is a new crop of drugs circulating the community.
He attended the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting in Vancouver.
- Chair Dolen asked if anyone will be attending the Trustee Academy; no one from the district will be attending. She was successful in getting a zoom link for the Rural and Remote meeting.
- Superintendent Theobald spoke to his report. He will be attending the BCSSA Conference November 15-20.
- Secretary-Treasurer Power had nothing to report.
- FNDTA President Glen Gough has been going through school plans and remedies for oversize classrooms. He has appreciated working with the Superintendent and coming up with plans. Class sizes are increasing. This year it seems to be affecting new teachers. Remedy is a failed system, it is not doing what it is meant to do, we are trying to come up with more creative ways to address this reality. We've come up with some good strategies we can work on.
- FNTDA Liaison Trainor had nothing to report.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Mike Power
Secretary-Treasurer