

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Wednesday
November 29, 2023

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
B. Dolan, Vice Chair
F. Peach, Trustee, (Via Zoom)
K. Dickie, Trustee
M. Theobald, Superintendent
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary
K. Trainor, FNDTA Liaison

Absent: Secretary-Treasurer Power, Trustee Taylor

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the Open Meeting to order at 6:02pm.

R23-068	That the Board of Education appoint Superintendent Theobald as interim Secretary-Treasurer for this meeting. CARRIED	K. Dickie/B. Dolan
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Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the Open Agenda. As none were noted, Chair Dolen accepted the Closed Agendas as presented.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the minutes of November 8. Trustee Dickie asked that her statement "*Trustee Dickie suggests that an external facilitator be brought in, this will allow full participation from all staff*" be added to the minutes in relation to the strategic plan.

R23-069	That the Board of Education accept the Open Minutes of November 8 as amended. CARRIED	K. Dickie/B. Dolan
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Enhancing Student Learning Plans

Toad River School Enhancing Student Learning Report

R23-070	That the Board of Education approve the Toad River School Enhancing Student Learning Report CARRIED	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
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R23-071	JS Clark Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Report That the Board of Education approve the JS Clark Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Report. CARRIED	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
R23-072	GW Carlson Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Report That the Board of Education approve the GW Carlson Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Report. CARRIED	F. Peach/K. Dickie
R23-073	RL Angus Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Report That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Elementary School Enhancing Student Learning Report. CARRIED	F. Peach/K. Dickie
R23-074	Fort Nelson Secondary School Enhancing Student Learning Report That the Board of Education approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Enhancing Student Learning Report. CARRIED	F. Peach/B. Dolan
R23-075	Policy 1421 – Indigenous Education That the Board of Education adopt Policy 1421 – Indigenous Education. CARRIED	K. Dickie/F. Peach
R23-076	Policy 4001 – Public Interest Disclosure That the Board of Education adopt Policy 4001 – Public Interest Disclosure. CARRIED	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
R23-077	Policy 5470 – Behavior and Digital Threat Assessment Management That the Board of Education adopt Policy 5470 – Behavior and Digital Threat Assessment Management. CARRIED	K. Dickie/B. Dolan
R23-078	VTRA Community Protocol That the Board of Education approve the formation of and membership in a Community BDTAM Committee and maintenance of a local Community BDTAM Protocol agreement with community partners.	K. Dickie/B. Dolan

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R23-079	Strategic Plan – Timeline and Engagement That the Board of Education approve a Strategic Plan cycle length of three years. CARRIED	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
R23-080	That the Board of Education approve the amended timeline for the development of the SD #81 2023 Strategic Plan. CARRIED	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
R23-081	That the Board of Education approve the stakeholders for community engagement to include: • Parents/caregivers • Students • District staff • Indigenous Education Council • Fort Nelson First Nation • Prophet River First Nation • NRAWS • Metis groups Other groups that could be considered: post secondary (Northern Lights College), community partners and non-profits (Family Development Society, Literacy Society, Friendship Centre, etc.), local or provincial governments (NRRM, MLA), and any organization that offers services to students. CARRIED	K. Dickie/B. Dolan
R23-082	Education Information Items • Superintendent’s Report • Principals’ Reports That the Board of Education file the Education Information items as received. CARRIED Door Survey – Summary of Survey Results Superintendent Theobald went over the survey results which show most of the parents are in favor of keeping the doors locked.	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
R23-083	GW Carlson Lighting Installation That the Board of Education file the information as received. CARRIED	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
R23-084	November Monthly Financials	B. Dolan/K. Dickie

That the Board of Education file the November Monthly Financials as received.

CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Trustee Peach attended the GWC PAC meeting. There were questions about the community playroom and how it can be utilized if the doors were locked at all times.
The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning was presented.
The first day of the breakfast club was very well received. A conveyor belt toaster has been ordered for the breakfast program.
There is much excitement surrounding Indigenous Learning Week for all students. They are looking at bringing back Ms. Smith in the spring to do some outside learning with the students.
Spirit days are coming up before Christmas break.
Christmas concert is on December 20h.
They had a great turn out for the Halloween dance. Some discussion happening on the costs of the dance, even with a great turn out, they still lost money.
PAC got approved for the gaming license needed to start selling raffle tickets on Christmas baskets.
There will be no PAC meeting in December
- Trustee Dickie attended the Remembrance Day assembly.
We are very fortunate to have a band program, they are amazing.
She attended the RLA PAC meeting. The Save-on-More receipts is their main fundraiser.
They are preparing for maker days as well as winter fest.
PAC will be offering up a free lunch on December 1.
PAC will be purchasing helmets from PAC funds.
- Vice Chair Dolan echoed Trustee Dickie's comments on the band program. In terms of community contribution, we have a first class band program and Mr. Johnstone does a wonderful job, and the decorum of the high school students was great, very respectful and appropriate.
He attended the FNSS PAC. There was a local parent that showed up who expressed concerns about the drug use.
There is also concern expressed that there is still no cafeteria available to students. Having the Cafeteria available could decrease the number of lates and absences.
- Superintendent Theobald attended the Equity in Action meeting.
The cafeteria went out for Tender twice, we will be

receiving bids this week. There is a shift on how we are receiving bids, it used to be a rental contract, a person would bid an amount in order to provide services, in both bid processes, there are ongoing conversations. If this round of bidding is unsuccessful we have to look at a different model. We have been researching other models but haven't found any that fits our needs, but we will keep looking.

- FNDTA Liaison Trainor is busy wrapping up report cards. This is a very busy time of year at RLA. They are getting ready for winter fest, maker day and math bowl. The animators will be at the school on Friday. They have invited Chalo over for math bowl as well. It is a fun time.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the Open Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Mark Theobald
Secretary-Treasurer