

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Wednesday
November 6, 2024

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair
B. Dolan, Vice Chair
F. Peach, Trustee (VIA Zoom)
K. Dickie, Trustee
Y. Taylor, Trustee
M. Theobald, Superintendent
D. Osmond, Secretary-Treasurer
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the agenda. As none were noted, Chair Dolen accepted the agenda as presented.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any errors or omissions to the Open Minutes of October 16. As none were noted, the minutes were accepted as presented.

R24-060	Toad River Trip Request That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the trip request for Toad River school students to travel to Vancouver in May 2025. CARRIED	B. Dolan/K. Dickie
R24-061	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the Toad River School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$11,500.00. CARRIED	F. Peach/B. Dolan
R24-062	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the JS Clark Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$10,050.00. CARRIED	Y. Taylor/B. Dolan
R24-063	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the JS Clark Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$1,050.00. CARRIED	B. Dolan/Y. Taylor

R24-064	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the GW Carlson Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$11,240.00. CARRIED	F. Peach/B. Dolan
R24-065	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the GW Carlson Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$ 250.00. CARRIED	B. Dolan/F. Peach
R24-066	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the RL Angus Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$13,000.00. CARRIED	F. Peach/K. Dickie
R24-067	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the RL Angus Elementary School Fundraising Plan in the amount of \$4,700.00. CARRIED	B. Dolan/F. Peach
R24-068	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the Fort Nelson Secondary School Fundraising Plans in the amount of \$81,125.00 CARRIED	Y. Taylor/K. Dickie
R24-069	Education – Information Items • Superintendent’s Report • District Principal’s Report • Principals’ Reports • Survey on Student Representation • District Logo That the Board of Education and Child Care file the Education – Information items as received. CARRIED Trustee Dolan referenced question #2 on the survey. The travel costs to send a student and chaperone to an event in Vancouver would be substantial. Are there any other avenues we can explore? If BCSTA could set up a fund for a student and chaperone from each district, that would alleviate the financial strain of districts having to cover the costs. The experience of sending one of our students to a major event, watching Robert’s Rules of Order in real time would be beneficial. Chair Dolen stated that students would attend as observers only. If they have a concern, they would like discussed they can provide that to a Trustee prior to the meeting. That the Board of Education and Child Care table the redesigning of the district logo until the January meeting. Motion was Defeated	F. Peach/B. Dolan

R24-070	That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the redesign of the district logo. CARRIED	F. Peach/K. Dickie
R24-071	Staff Amendment Report That the Board of Education and Child Care file the Staff Amendment Report as received. CARRIED	F. Peach/K. Dickie
R24-072	Secretary-Treasurer's Report That the Board of Education and Child Care file the Secretary-Treasurer's Report as received. CARRIED	T. Taylor/F. Peach
R24-073	October Financial Report That the Board of Education and Child Care file the October Financial Report as received. CARRIED	F. Peach/B. Dolan

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Chair Dolen spoke with K. Eglinski, D. Davies office is closing, MLA J. Kealy will open an office here in the near future, we will make arrangements for him to meet with the Board. She attended the Toad River PAC meeting; they will be hosting pumpkin carving on October 31 and a Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 8. Invitations for the Christmas concert will be going out soon. They are requesting to have a roof built over their rink, Chair Dolen suggested they speak to the municipality about this request.
- Vice Chair Dolan attended the PAC meeting at FNSS. They are working with RLA to have the Whitehatter return VIA Zoom this time to reduce costs. They are interested in updating the marquis sign outside as well as inside the school, looking to make things more modern.
- Trustee Taylor attended the JSC PAC meeting, a Pro-D meeting and will attend a bargaining meeting on Friday.
- Trustee Dickie attended the RLA Pac meeting. Principal Froese went through the Enhancing Student Learning Plan, the Strategic Plan and the Fundraising Plan.
- Trustee Peach attended the GWC PAC meeting. The new sound system has been ordered and should be here by now. Grade 4's has started FSA's, Indigenous learning has begun, more to come in the spring. They started a choir and are prepping for the Remembrance Day assembly. They are doing something new for the Christmas concert this year, they will do a full concert for the seniors of Fort Nelson.

Invitations will be sent out and transportation to and from the concert will be provided for the seniors.

- Superintendent Theobald attended the first ERASE meeting yesterday with district admin, the counsellor and two teachers. They identified priorities for the year as student mental health and racism. They reviewed all that has been done and what still needs to be done. He followed up with Planet Youth, they want to hear from us as to the community's needs; how do we create a community that our youth want to be in; a safe and healthy space for them. A way to mitigate risk as opposed to stepping in after the fact.
- Secretary-Treasurer Osmond took a trip to Toad River School with District Principal Attrill last week. Mr. Howatt took her for a tour around the properties and she met with the students. It was an enjoyable day. She is looking forward to going back for the Christmas concert.
The Director of Facilities is waiting for the finishing touches on the FNSS renovation, they should be completed in the next few weeks. Once completed we will arrange a tour of that project and a tour of the JSC Daycare project as well.
- FNDA President Gough was really encouraged when reading through the fundraising plans to see how much positivity there is in the school system. It's nice to see parents and PACs involved.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Darlene Osmond
Secretary-Treasurer