

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Wednesday  
October 22, 2025

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair (VIA Zoom)  
Y. Taylor, Trustee  
K. Dickie, Trustee  
F. Peach, Trustee  
M. Theobald, Superintendent  
D. Osmond, Secretary-Treasurer  
P. Anderson, Recording Secretary  
G. Gough, FNDTA President  
K. Trainor, FNDTA Liaison

Absent:

B. Dolan, Vice Chair

Call to order

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

Acceptance of Agenda

Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the agenda.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any omissions or errors in the Open Minutes of September 24. One error was noted. Administrative Assistant Anderson will make the change.

R25-066

Fort Nelson First Nation Local Education Agreement  
That the Board of Education and Childcare postpone ratifying the FNFN LEA until the November 12 meeting.

F. Peach/Y. Taylor

CARRIED

Superintendent Theobald noted that the Board ratified the agreement presented in December. Since then, staffing changes at FNFN led to revisions submitted in June. The Board Chair, Superintendent, and Secretary-Treasurer reviewed and finalized the agreement. While the final wording for section 13.8 is pending, the Superintendent recommends ratification as is, with the wording to follow. Chair Dolen proposed postponing ratification until the November 12 meeting.

Request for Pictures Showing the Diversity of Landscapes and Seasons in our Area.

Chair Dolen asked if the board has any pictures or success stories that can be shared on Board Business.

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| R25-067 | <p>Education – Information Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superintendent’s Report</li> <li>• Principals’ Reports</li> </ul> <p>That the Board of Education and Childcare file the Education – Information Items as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | F. Peach/Y. Taylor |
| R25-068 | <p>Letter from the Minister of Agriculture</p> <p>That the Board of Education and Childcare file the letter as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Y. Taylor/F. Peach |
| R25-069 | <p>Finance – Information Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary-Treasurer’s Report</li> <li>• GRE (Government Reporting Entity)</li> <li>• Monthly Budget Update</li> </ul> <p>That the Board of Education and Childcare file the Finance – Information Items as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Taylor attended and spoke at the grand opening of the JSC Daycare.<br/>She participated in the Vice Principal interview process and attended a meeting on Bargaining Communication via Zoom.</li> <li>• Trustee Dickie attended the grand opening of the JSC Daycare and spoke at the Indigenous Inservice Day on September 29. When the guest speaker for FNSS’s Truth and Reconciliation event today cancelled, she spoke at that event as well. She also attended the RLA PAC meeting.</li> <li>• Trustee Peach attended the GWC PAC meeting and will attend the Provincial Council meeting virtually on Friday.</li> <li>• Chair Dolen attended the Toad River PAC meeting and a Rural and Remote meeting.</li> <li>• Superintendent Theobald advised the board that the logo surveys have been sent out to parents and staff with a return deadline of November 7<sup>th</sup>. The feedback will guide more specific design elements. The results will be compiled for the board’s review at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.<br/>We’ve started a new series on the district Facebook page to regularly share good news stories and photos — highlighting everything from small classroom moments to larger positive events happening in our schools. So many wonderful things happen every day, and it’s important that we share these with our community.<br/>The Hallowe’en band concert is happening on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. If you have the opportunity to attend, please do so.</li> </ul> |                    |

- Secretary-Treasurer Osmond attended the Truth and Reconciliation Day assembly at JSC as well as the JSC Daycare grand opening.  
On October 12, she attended the district in-service that was held at Chalo.  
She also attended the hand games that were held at the Arbor Center at FNFN.

Trustee Peach inquired about the timeline for the new logo following the completion of the survey. Superintendent Theobald explained that the next step will be to open a process for design submissions. The goal is to have a draft design ready before spring break, and definitely before the end of the school year.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

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Linda Dolen  
Chair

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Darlene Osmond  
Secretary-Treasurer