

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

Open Meeting  
6:00 pm

Wednesday  
May 13, 2026

In Attendance:

L. Dolen, Chair  
B. Dolan, Vice-Chair  
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

Call to order

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

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| R26-026 | <p>Acceptance of Agenda<br/>Chair Dolen called for any additions or changes to the agenda. Two items were added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Name Change (Business Arising)</li><li>• FNSS Fundraising Proposal (Education – Action)</li></ul> <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care accept the agenda as amended.<br/>CARRIED</p> <p>Acceptance of Minutes<br/>Chair Dolen called for any omissions or errors in the Open Minutes of April 22. As none were noted, the minutes were accepted as presented.</p> | B. Dolan/K. Dickie  |
| R26-027 | <p>District Name Change<br/>That the Board of Education and Child Care approve and adopt the name change of School District #81 to Northern Rockies School District.<br/>CARRIED (100%).</p>   | F. Peach/B. Dolan   |
| R26-028 | <p>Approval of 2026-2027 Pro-D Dates<br/>That the Board of Education and Child Care approve February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for the 2026-2027 Pro-D dates.<br/>CARRIED</p>  | Y. Taylor/K. Dickie |
| R26-029 | <p>JS Clark Elementary School PAC Fundraising Amendment Request<br/>That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the JSC amended fundraising plan for \$2,000.00.<br/>CARRIED</p>  | B. Dolan/F. Peach   |

R26-030	<p>2026-2027 Band Trip Proposal</p> <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the 2026-2027 Band Trip Proposal.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Taylor inquired if the District could subsidize meals for these trips to alleviate some of the financial stress and to reduce fundraising. Secretary-Treasurer agreed to look into this and report back.</p>	Y. Taylor/B. Dolan
R26-031	<p>Education Information Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principals' Reports</li> <li>• Student Learning &amp; Strategic Plan Update – Discussion</li> <li>• Spring Learning Update</li> <li>• June Board Meeting Dates – Trustee Taylor</li> </ul> <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care file the Education – Information Items as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Taylor spoke about the upcoming board meeting dates. Our final meeting of the year is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The budget must be approved by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Her concern is that if the budget is not ready for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, we should have a set date for an additional meeting to approve it. Secretary-Treasurer Osmond feels it will be ready for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, although she is not opposed to scheduling an additional meeting later in the month if necessary. The decision was made to bring back a possible meeting date at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.</p>	K. Dickie/F. Peach
R26-032	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care file the Financial Update as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Spring Learning Update</p> <p>Superintendent Theobald to the report. He and M. Murrin worked together on the proposal for the literacy screener pilot for next year, with Mrs. Murrin contributing the lion's share of the work. It is excellent to be part of that pilot. For our teacher to provide feedback is an incredible opportunity. They emphasized the need for a northern voice, and we just got word that we have received \$12K funding for this project. M. Murrin and G. Woodcock continue to work on the writing continuum.</p> <p>He continued to discuss and break down the Spring Learning Update, stating that he had some upcoming meetings with other districts to see what they have in place.</p> <p>The FSA results continue to show positive results, particularly at the fourth-grade level. There is a drop in grades 7 and 10, which seems to be a consistent pattern.</p>	

## Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Chair Dolen attended the Toad River PAC meeting. She, unfortunately, was unable to attend the Staff Appreciation event due to illness.
- Trustee Taylor attended the Staff Appreciation. Thanks to Executive Assistant Anderson for her hard work on organizing. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. She attended the FNSS PAC meeting on behalf of Vice Chair Dolan. They spoke about bathroom issues as well as surveillance. K. Jensen, the grad president, is working hard at organizing a career fair. She appreciated Trustee Dickie for attending the JSC PAC meeting on her behalf.
- Vice Chair Dolen commended the principals' reports submitted by acting principals at RLA and FNSS. They are commendable for their informative content as well as the scope and detail. It is noteworthy how each of them makes a point of acknowledging the efforts and initiatives of various staff members.  
He recognizes and thanks M. Murrin and G. Woodcock for their continued work on the early literacy resource and would like to congratulate M. Murrin on the success of her application to be part of the field testing of the screening tool under development.  
Although it is disappointing that our District is still searching for the right numeracy assessments to collect achievement data, it is very encouraging to see our teachers continued work with Dr. Stenner toward vertical alignment of numeracy instruction through the grades.  
It is also reassuring to see the steps taken to improve our grade 12 graduation rate and school processes to support that.  
He attended the RLA PAC art show, which featured a wide variety of student exhibits.
- Trustee Peach attended the Staff Appreciation event, thanks to Executive Assistant Anderson for her hard work. He attended the PAC Meeting at GWC. There was some discussion over a conflict of interest as the president of the PAC owns their own business and is making merchandise for the school.
- Trustee Dickie was unfortunately unable to attend the Staff Appreciation event. She said she saw some pictures, it looked like a nice time.  
She attended the JSC PAC meeting on behalf of Trustee Taylor. It was a short meeting. They are in the process of purchasing t-shirts and water bottles. They are currently working on a project involving hatching chickens, which the students are fascinated by. They are also raising caterpillars as part of their learning experience.

Currently, there are 66 students registered for September, including 12 for kindergarten.

- Superintendent Theobald stated that much of his time over the past few weeks has been spent working on staffing. We have two return service applicants interested in returning to the district. If they are successful hires, they will receive the \$18k bursary. This is a positive. Hopefully, the two applicants will align with the positions that need to be filled.
- Secretary-Treasurer Osmond informed the Board that S. Petrucci will be in the district on June 9 for the trustee information session. He will do a presentation for attendees on what is expected of a Trustee, then host a question-and-answer session.
- FNDDTA Liaison, Trainor had the opportunity to meet with M. Murrin and G. Woodcock to co-plan, teach together and review data from grades 4 and 5. They will set up another meeting early next year.
- FNDDTA President, Gough, attended the Staff Appreciation event. It was wonderful and well-regarded. He attended the grade 9 science fair and was very impressed. Kudos to E. Robinson and K. Larson, who spearheaded the fair, great job!

#### Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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Linda Dolen  
Chair

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Darlene Osmond  
Secretary-Treasurer