

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

Open Meeting
6:00 pm

Wednesday
June 3, 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
D. Johnstone, District IT/Teacher

Call to order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Acceptance of Agenda

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

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Dolen called for any omissions or errors in the Open Minutes of May 13. As none were noted, the minutes were accepted as presented.

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| R26-034 | June 24 Board Meeting Date – Regular Meeting | Y. Taylor/K. Dickie |
| | That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the additional meeting date of June 24 as our final meeting of the year.
CARRIED | |
| R26-035 | 2026-2027 Proposed Meeting Dates
That the Board of Education and Child Care approve the proposed meeting dates of September 23 and November 4.
CARRIED | B. Dolan/F. Peach |
| | As this is an election year, the newly elected Board will discuss and establish the meeting schedule for the remainder of the school year, including selecting meeting days, dates and times that best accommodate the schedules of the newly elected Board members. | |
| R26-036 | Bylaw #5 – Trustee Elections
That the Board of Education and Child Care repeal Bylaw #5 – Procedure for the Conduct of General School Elections, dated September 20, 2005 and revised May 31, 2011. | F. Peach/Y. Taylor |

CARRIED

R26-037	<p>That the Board of Education and Child Care, as per Bylaw #3 – Board Meeting Proceedings, Section 13.4, give all three readings of Bylaw #5 – Trustee Elections.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Y. Taylor/K. Dicke
R26-038	<p>That the Board of Education and Child Care adopt Bylaw #5 – Trustee Elections.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	B. Dolan/F. Peach
R26-039	<p>Policy 6320 – Learning Resources</p> <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care approve Policy 6320 – Learning Resources.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Y. Taylor/F. Peach
R26-040	<p>Fundraising Reconciliations</p> <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care file the fundraising reconciliations as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	K. Dickie/F. Peach
R26-041	<p>Sale of Technology Inventory</p> <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care authorize D. Johnstone to remove the technology inventory and grant authority to sell the items listed. We are estimating sales of \$7,435, which will be returned to the technology budget.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	K. Dickie/F. Peach
R26-042	<p>Education – Information Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Superintendent’s Report• Principals’ Reports <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care file the Education – Information Items as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	F. Peach/K. Dickie
R26-043	<p>2026-2029 Technology Plan – D. Johnstone</p> <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care file the 2026-2029 Technology Plan as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>D. Johnstone provided a presentation of the Technology Plan with an opportunity to discuss and ask questions.</p>	Y. Taylor/B. Dolan
R26-044	<p>Finance – Information Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary-Treasurer’s Report• Finance Update <p>That the Board of Education and Child Care file the Finance – Information Items as received.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Y. Taylor/K. Dickie

Trustee Reports/Inquiries/Celebrations

- Chair Dolen will attend the BCSTA AGM on June 15 online. The Toad River awards day is June 17.
- Vice Chair Dolan attended the absenteeism in-service day at FNSS and found the presenter and her information/thoughts very interesting and useful. The school attendance situations at all levels aren't unique to our community/district or nation. Similar situations occur in many parts of the Western world. He would like to thank and recognize the efforts of the school principals for the high quality of their monthly reports. The combination of academic, career, and human and social development information provides a solid understanding of the learning happening in our schools. Also, thanks to the Superintendent for the informative and comprehensive reports that he has provided over the past school year – they have been very helpful in understanding the big picture. To David Johnstone for all of the above in relation to technology. It eases the mind knowing that he's got our backs when it comes to cybersecurity.
- Trustee Peach was unable to attend the GWC PAC meeting but received a summary from the principal. They were approved for the new cameras for the school. They are in the planning stages for the picnic in the park and the fun day.
- Trustee Dickie attended the RLA PAC meeting. They spoke about the school supplies; they are looking at ways they can provide this for the kids since the grant is no longer available.
- Superintendent Theobald attended the attendance conferences along with S. Attrill and E. Dorosz. Hearing of the experiences in Australia, there is no clear consensus on what the problem is, and there is likely no solution. What are the next steps in addressing this issue in our District? We do not want to put a plan in place that is not attainable, but we recognize that this is a real problem with trying to move forward with such high absenteeism. It is a complex situation. There was a lot of good learning and ideas. Conversations are happening, which is a good thing.
- Secretary-Treasurer Osmond reminded everyone about the Trustee Information Session happening next week. S. Petrucci will be here for that. Information packages have been given out to some individuals. If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Trustee, send them her way.

Adjournment

Chair Dolen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Linda Dolen
Chair

Darlene Osmond
Secretary-Treasurer