

# FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting  
7:30 pm

Tuesday  
April 21, 2009

Call to Order Vice-Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Present: M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair D. Samchuck, Superintendent  
D. Tofte, Trustee M. Hall Secretary-Treasurer  
C. Maginel, Trustee K. Prouse, Recording Secretary  
L. Bumstead, Trustee

Y. Taylor, President, FNDTA  
L. Kingsfield, FNSS Teacher  
N. LaChance, FNSS Teacher  
S. Payne, FNSS Teacher  
D. Stephenson, FNSS Teacher

R09-178 Acceptance of Agenda  
That the Agenda be accepted as amended.  
6c. JSC Early Learning Playground  
6d. Board Association Meeting

Trustee Compensation Item moved from closed meeting to open  
14a.  
CARRIED

R09-179 Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting March 31, 2009 Maginel/Bumstead  
as amended.  
CARRIED

1. Re-assigning Trustees - change from *"meeting times have conflicted with Trustee schedules"* to *"would be reassigned at the end of June."*
2. District Website - Discussion took place regarding the status of the School District website. It was suggested that the District VP of Technology be invited to a board meeting to discuss some of the problems and possible solutions.

## Report of Closed Items

- Technology
- Trustee Insurance
- Board Facilitation
- Calendar times
- JSC Early Learning Grant
- Draft Administrative Retirement Policy
- Trustee Compensation
- Superintendent's Report
- Transfers in/Transfers Out

- Suspension Report for March/April
- District Discipline Review Committee Report
- Draft Carbon Report
- Playground Information
- Draft Budget 2009/2010 School Year

R09-180 Education: Tofte/Bumstead  
 1. FNSS – Field Trip Proposal (New York) L. Kingsfield  
 The Board of Education approve the FNSS Field Trip Proposal to New York as provided.  
 CARRIED

The approval included the cost of per diems for staff with the cost to the board.

Question – can the trip dates be moved around to correspond with the recently approved school calendar? It was indicated that the dates could be changed and if the number of participants increased another chaperone would be added and fundraised accordingly.

7:44 p.m. L. Kingsfield left the meeting.

R09-181 2. FNSS – Field Trip Proposal (Rome - Athens) S. Payne & D. Maginel/Bumstead  
 Stephenson  
 That the Board of Education approve the FNSS Field Trip Proposal to Rome and Athens as provided.  
 CARRIED

The approval included the cost of per diems for staff with the cost to the board.

Discussion around the numbers of students and criteria of how students are picked (i.e: attendance policy). It was noted that this trip was quite a bit more expensive than the New York trip but the criteria was different and it is geared towards Senior students.

R09-182 G.W. Carlson Elementary School Request for Funding Bumstead/Tofte  
 That approval of \$3500 be accessed from the Early Learning funds, for the completion of the installation (door/window/roll down door) towards the existing gross motor equipment at G.W. Carlson Elementary School.  
 CARRIED

Discussion followed with regards to the difference in PAC fundraising and Early Learning Grant. Secretary-Treasurer Hall spoke to the issue of the Maintenance Department being approached to install playground equipment and these costs haven't been costed out by School PAC's. There will be 4 playground equipment projects this summer and this represents 6 weeks of work for the maintenance department not including the school district summer projects.

It was suggested that a form be developed with guidelines outlining installation costs including labour costs for the PAC's to peruse when

equipment is purchased. This form would have to be signed off by: the Principal of the school; the Maintenance Supervisor and the Secretary Treasurer.

The Board of Education would like to table the item G.W. Carlson Elementary School PAC funding request until the Secretary-Treasurer has confirmed the amount available in the Early Learning Grant and the Maintenance Supervisor has met with Mr. Stephenson of G.W. Carlson Elementary School.

R09-183      JSC Early Learning Playground (Samchuck)      Bumstead/Maginel  
That the Board of Education table this item.  
CARRIED

Superintendent Samchuck spoke to the request from J.S. Clark Elementary School to have a similar piece of indoor equipment installed at J.S. Clark Elementary School. Both Strong Starts have identical enrolment (45). Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that there may be a bit of surplus in Strong Start and Early Learning may be able to get some savings when the installer comes up to do both pieces of equipment. More information would be provided at the next meeting with regards to the equipment.

Guidelines and a checklist would be formulated so that PAC's would know the real cost of the equipment that they fundraise for. This would provide continuity as PAC's change. A PAC icon would also be researched on the Firstclass system.

Board Association Meeting (Taylor)

The next Board Association meetings will be May 14 at 5:00 p.m. and June 9 at 7:00 p.m.

R09-184      Amendments to Staff List      Bumstead/Tofte  
That the Board of Education School District #81 ratify the amendments to the staff list.  
CARRIED

Trustee Gilbert asked that the reasoning for staff leaving be kept vague and not public information. The public should see leave and/or resignation, no personal or specific information.

R09-185      Capital Plan      Bumstead/Tofte  
That the Board of Education authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to proceed with a mechanical consultant's feasibility study report and prepare a submission for energy efficient HVAC upgrades.  
CARRIED

R09-186      PLN Net Upgrades      Tofte/Maginel  
That the Board of Education authorize the Technology department to proceed with the PLN Net upgrades to the R.L. Angus Elementary School and School Board Office.

CARRIED

R09-187

Information

Tofte/Maginel

That the Board of Education SD #81 receive and file the following education, personnel, facilities/services and finance information items:

- Principal's Reports
- GWC Unofficial FSA results – 08/09
- Thank you from Fort Nelson Community Literacy Society
- Letter of Commendation to Mr. McVicar
- Letter of Commendation to Mrs. Deidre Sittler
- Letter from Widesky Disposal

CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

Bumstead/Tofte

Trustee Compensation (Gilbert)

Vice-Chair Gilbert would like a discussion when all trustees are available. At that time the BCSTA survey will be available. As well, Trustee Gilbert would like previous motions brought forward.

Trustee Bumstead attended a PAC meeting last week,

- reminder about the Magic Show April 26,
- will be attending the BCSTA AGM,
- inquiry about a Trustee Advisory Group, and
- question as to how long staff are kept on the first class system, is there a window of time?

Superintendent Samchuck commented that the system is cleaned periodically and some staff members request to stay on for a period of time.

Trustee Tofte attended:

- the morning session of Rachel's Challenge, was impressed with student behavior,
- watched the Rachel's Challenge basketball game,
- the FNSS PAC meeting, and
- the RLA PAC – 7 parents attended.

Trustee Maginel was unable to attend RLA PAC meeting, Trustee Tofte attended in her place.

Vice-Chair Gilbert attended 2 workshops of Rachel's Challenge,

- Re: JSC PAC meetings scheduling needs to be communicated to the Trustee representative.

Superintendent Samchuck attended the Superintendent's Association Gala dinner, 21 retirements, a very big event,

- a session on brain development in pre-school learners, and
- Superintendent Samchuck will order a book titled "Neurons to

Neighborhoods”

Secretary-Treasurer Hall attended a Success by 6 meeting, and

- met with Jen Dupperon to include the indoor playgrounds in Rec Centre programming for the fall in order to maximize use of the equipment.

Stakeholder/Public Inquiries

FNDTA President Taylor has approximately 35 signed up for the Boundaries workshop and extended an invitation to the trustees.

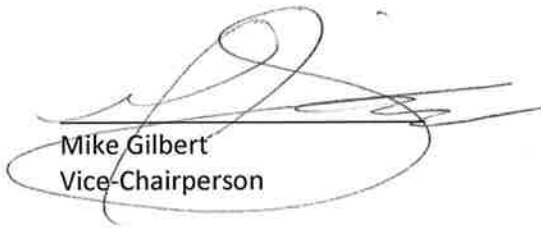
R09-188

Adjournment

Bumstead/Maginel

That the meeting be adjourning at 9:20 pm.

CARRIED



Mike Gilbert  
Vice-Chairperson



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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer