

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:00 pm

Tuesday
December 8, 2009

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m

Present:

L. Dolen, Chair

M. Gilbert, Trustee

D. Tofte, , Trustee

L. Bumstead, Trustee

D. Samchuck, Superintendent

R. Irwin, Director of Instruction

M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

K. Prouse, Recording Secretary

Yvette Taylor, FNDTA President

Sarah Nay, FNDTA Liaison

Absent: C. Maginel, Trustee

- R09-259 Acceptance of Agenda Bumstead/Tofte
That the Board of Education of School District #81 adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED
- Additions:
13. B – Final Operating Grant Calculation - Hall
- R09-260 Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting November 17, 2009 as Bumstead/Gilbert
amended.
That the Board of Education of School District #81 accept the minutes as per the amendment.
CARRIED
- Sarah Nay is the FNDTA Liaison not Pro-D Rep.
- Report of Closed Items:
- 08/09 Grad Expense/Revenue
 - Policy Section – 1410-1520
 - Policy Clarification – Policy 3240, 2260, 5310
 - Cadet Request for SD 81 Support
 - Review of Motion – C09-103 Travel
 - Trustee Tofte – Activity Bus
 - Superintendent’s Report – To follow by separate email
 - Transfers in/Out for November
 - District Discipline Review Committee Report for November
 - Parent Concern

R09-261	<p>Review of Board Chair That the Board of Education of School District #81 leave the Board chair and the Vice-Board Chair as is for one year. CARRIED</p> <p>Mrs. Linda Dolen agreed to continue as Board Chair and Mr. Mike Gilbert agreed to continue as Vice-Chair for a period of one year.</p>	Bumstead/Tofte
R09-262	<p>School District #81 – Achievement Report That the Board of Education of School District #81 review and approve the School District Student Achievement Report prepared by the Superintendent. CARRIED</p>	Tofte/Bumstead
R09-263	<p>Business Credit Card Policy That the Board of Education of School District #81 authorizes the administration to implement the usage of Business Credit Cards within the School District. The Business Credit Card policy will be distributed for 30 days with the intention that the card holders act in the spirit of the intent of the policy immediately. CARRIED</p> <p>Discussion around the credit cards and potential time/paper savings. Trustee Tofte declined a Business Credit Card. Trustee Gilbert declined a Business Credit Card.</p>	Bumstead/Tofte
R09-264	<p>Janitorial Tender That the Board of Education of School District #81 ratify the awarded tender JDB Janitorial of \$148,000 + GST as of December 1, 2009 for GW Carlson Elementary School. CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Tofte inquired as to janitorial concerns, contract compliance documentation. A question was raised that if the school closed classrooms would the contract be able to be amended to reflect less square footage. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that we had such clauses to protect the School District. Further discussion ensued.</p>	Gilbert/Bumstead
R09-265	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Items • Principal's Reports • Lord of the Flies <p>That the Board of Education of School District #81 receive and file the provided information. CARRIED</p>	Bumstead/Gilbert
R09-267	<p>Finance Report for November That the Board of Education of School District #81 receive and file the provided information. CARRIED</p> <p>Secretary-Treasurer Hall presented the final grant calculations which came in</p>	Tofte/Bumstead

earlier than anticipated.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Pandemic Committee Meeting – will be held on an as needed basis
- Finance Committee - January (TBA)
- Education Committee - TBA
- Policy Committee - - TBA
- Calendar Committee – January 12
- Green Committee - TBA
- Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee - TBA

Trustee Tofte spoke to the Policy Committee meeting that had taken place; he felt that the committee was making gradual headway.

A question was asked as to the response from the calendar survey. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that approximately 128 parental responses were received.

Director of Instruction Irwin

- On November 24 the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee Meeting was held with good attendance. Representation from Prophet River was much appreciated.

Trustee Gilbert

- attended FNSS PAC, a bussing schedule inquiry was raised as to how to address the needs of some students who would like to use bussing. Trustee Gilbert was advised that meetings had been held with the contractor and an invitation was extended to Secretary-Treasurer Hall to attend the next PAC Meeting. Date to follow.
- attended the calendar committee meetings, question asked if students not consulted as stakeholders?
- attended the Professional Growth Evaluation Committee meeting looking at models in place for the standard evaluation for teachers
- *Trustee Gilbert has a growing concern about funding reductions from the Government, he finds this most insidious and there are many hidden and buried costs such as the implementation of the HST and the potential that we will not get the rebate that we previously received. It is a de facto reduction in funding and districts continue to see these kinds of things with added responsibilities and limited manpower. Despite government assertion to the contrary, the funding which they are withholding will have a direct and negative impact on children in our classrooms.*

Trustee Bumstead

- will be attending the RLA PAC meeting on Thursday
- attended the Success by Six meeting on Monday where they talked about the EDI information.
- Trustee Bumstead indicated that she wasn't aware that bussing wasn't available back to the east sub for FNSS students. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated this practice has been in place for many years. Parents who have

requested bussing for their children are released 15 minutes early. The bussing is based on up against a 2 hour time limit; the high school is dismissed 15 minutes later than the other schools, and therefore elementary students would be waiting on the bus up to 30/40 minutes. This would incur more supervision costs to the school district. A bus could be accommodated after 4:00 then the students would also be waiting at the school for 45 minutes. There is not a lot of flexibility with the bussing schedule.

Trustee Tofte

- Attended the Policy Committee meeting
- attended the JSC PAC meetings
- will be attending the Christmas concert on Thursday night
- The JSC Pac president attended the BCPAC Conference in Vancouver
- A question was asked if the schools were in compliance with policy to have the school code of conduct posted and if they were up to date. Director of Instruction Irwin indicated that he would check.

Trustees will deliver Chocolates and a Christmas Card to the schools as follows:

- FNSS – 12:25 Friday, Dec. 11
- GWC 11:30 Mon Dec 14
- RLA 11:30 Tuesday Dec 15
- JSC 11:20 Wed Dec 16
- SBO - TBA
- Maintenance - TBA
- Toad – at Christmas Concert
- Bus Barn- TBA

Chair Dolen

- Commented on how well the senior boys basketball did
- She would like to put a greeting on the all staff for Christmas if Trustees have an appropriate picture forward to Linda.
- Northern Interior Branch Meeting will be held on 5th and 6 of February.
- Productive Conversations in the workplace part II will be offered – Chair Dolen and Trustee Bumstead indicated an interest in attending
- BCPSEA AGM January 22/23
- attended the cadets Christmas mess on Sunday. Attended the Toad River plug in celebration
- attended the Aboriginal Education Steering committee meeting
- Participated in teacher bargaining and will be attending another meeting next week.

Superintendent Samchuck

- accepted a cheque for 15,000 for Rachel's Challenge from Nexen. This will allow Craig Scott to do the second part to the Rachel's Challenge.
- Working on a transportation survey for extracurricular activities for Toad Students.
- Invited to Judge doors at FNSS on Dec 16

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- attended the awards assembly at FNSS. It was held when the calendar survey first came out and students were invited to give their opinion -some surveys were given out to students.
- attended the awards assembly at RLA.
- attended Safety Training that included Threat and Violence Prevention Training and Inspections

Director of Instruction Irwin - no report

Y. Taylor, FNDTA President – no report

R09-268

Adjournment

Gilbert/Bumstead

That the Board of Education of School District #81 adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.
CARRIED



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer