

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:00 pm

Tuesday
February 9, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present:

L. Dolen, Chair

M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair

C. Maginel, Trustee

D. Tofte, Trustee

L. Bumstead, Trustee

D. Samchuck, Superintendent

R. Irwin, Director of Instruction

M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

K. Prouse, Recording Secretary

Y. Taylor, President FNDTA

S. Nay, FNDTA Liaison

R09-279 Acceptance of Agenda Bumstead/Maginel
That the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

2 additions

Business Arising - School Code of Conduct

Education Action – Petition from the Ministerial Association

R09-280 Acceptance of the Minutes Tofte/Gilbert
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the previous meeting of January
19, 2010 as presented.
CARRIED

Business Arising – Schools' Codes of Conduct

Trustee Tofte asked if the Schools' Codes of Conduct were in compliance with the
School Act.

Director of Instruction Irwin indicated that all schools were in compliance with the
School Act. Each school conducts a review of their Code of Conduct at the beginning
of the school year. Trustee Tofte requested a letter.

Report of Closed Items:

- Policy – Community Relations -2000 Series Review
- Transfers in/Out for January
- Suspension Report for January
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for January
- Status of Administrative Contracts

R09-281 Policy 1000 - Series Bumstead/Gilbert
That the Board of Education adopt the Board Governance and Administration Section 1000 as amended.
CARRIED

R09-282 RLA Fundraising Gilbert/Bumstead
That the Board of Education School District #81 Fort Nelson approve the RL Angus Fundraising Plan.
CARRIED

Trustee Bumstead asked about the Science proposal that was submitted previously. Superintendent Samchuck indicated that it had been sent back previously as the school was soliciting corporate donations, the school has found that they don't need the fundraising for the Science proposal now.

R09-283 GWC Fundraiser Bumstead/Maginel
That the Board of Education School District #81 Fort Nelson endorse the GW Carlson Elementary School Fundraising Plan.
CARRIED

R09-284 Calendar Approval Gilbert/Bumstead
That the Board of Education approve the calendars for the 2010/2011 school year, the 2011/2012 school year and the 2012/2013 school year with the provision that a satisfaction survey be prepared, distributed, and data compiled and considered after the spring break in 2011.
CARRIED

Trustee Bumstead had a query with regards to FNSS students leaving school early in order for them to have bussing. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that School District #81 has not had bussing from the high school for a number of years and options were reviewed this year to accommodate the high school. Options to consider when supplying bussing to FNSS increases supervision for elementary students and increased bussing time for elementary students. Superintendent Samchuck stated that her understanding of the situation was that the students who are leaving early was due to parental requests.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that supervision for younger students and bussing costs will be looked at in the near future.

Trustee Bumstead would like more information to be brought forward to address the bussing issue at FNSS.

Petition – Say No to Escort Agencies Adult Oriented Businesses in our Community
That the Board of Education provide direction to the administration as to how they wish the administration to proceed with Pastor Gary's request.

Discussion around the petition submitted by Pastor Gary and the Board policy to circulate items on the open agenda. The Board concluded that it is up to the employees if they wish to sign the petition, the School District will not circulate the petition or gather the data.

R09-285	<p>Autoscrubber That the Board of Education authorize the administration to put out a tender to purchase a new auto scrubber. CARRIED</p>	Bumstead Maginel
	<p>Information That the Board of Education receive and file the following Education information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals' Reports CARRIED	Tofte/Bumstead
	<p>Trustee Bumstead commented that she really likes the pictures in the Principal's Reports.</p>	
	<p>Finance Information That the Board of Education receive and file the following Education information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report for January, 2010 CARRIED	Bumstead/Maginel
	<p>Trustee Reports/Inquiries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pandemic Committee Meeting – TBA • Finance Committee – held last night Secretary-Treasurer Hall gave a summary of the Finance meeting held Monday, Feb. 8. • Education Committee – TBA • Policy Committee – TBA • Calendar Committee – Completed for this school year • Green Committee - pending • Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee Next meeting –TBA 	
	<p>Stakeholder/Public Inquiries</p>	
	<p>Trustee Tofte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – attended a meeting with MLA, Mr. Pimm. Mr. Pimm indicated that he would meet again with the Board in the future. Mr Pimm had indicated support for the Board with regards to reinstating the Annual Capital Grant funds. – no JSC PAC Meeting, – attended Finance meeting, and – participated in Olympic Torch Relay Celebration. 	
	<p>Trustee Maginel – nothing to report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chair Dolen will fill in for Trustee Maginel at GWC PAC meeting until May 	
	<p>Trustee Bumstead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – no PAC meeting to report on, – attended the NIB (Northern Interior Branch) meeting in Prince George, – kudos to the Staff and students for their humanitarian efforts and taking the time to promote global awareness, great to see staff and students participating. 	

Trustee Gilbert

- was unable to attend the meeting with the MLA due to scheduling,
- will be attending BCSTA meeting in Victoria, these costs are recoverable.
- The government continues to engage in hidden clawbacks, one of which is the mandatory charge of a carbon tool this is not a significant amount and it comes out of operating expenses and has no direct benefit to students.

Chair Dolen

- Chair Dolen attended the meeting with the MLA Pat Pimm.
 - Returned from NIB (Northern Interior Branch) meeting in Prince George.
 - attended the BCPSEA 16th AGM
 - All the Board was elected by acclamation and they are
 - Chair: Ron Christensen - SD 6 Rocky Mountain
 - Vice Chair: Alan Chell - SD 19 Revelstoke
 - Directors: Ken Denike - SD 39 Vancouver
 - Mel Joy - SD 8 Kootenay Lakes
 - Mickey Kinakin - SD 20 Kootenay Columbia
 - Michel Saab - SD 83 North Okanagan Shuswap
 - Silas White - SD 46 Sunshine Coast
 - Pete Williams - SD 64 Gulf Island
 - Sheryl Yaremco - SD 54 Bulkley Valley
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- Financial Report
 - This year BCPSEA had a deficit of \$688,080 arising from arbitration costs, this was covered off from accumulated surplus.
 - A deficit budget of \$110,000 for 2010 was approved with assurance from management that they will have applied for and will receive grants to cover off that amount.
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- Two ordinary motions were presented and one special resolution was approved
 - Ordinary resolutions
 - That BCPSEA continue to manage and fund arbitrations that are considered to have provincial implications - approved
 - That BCPSEA assemble a representative group from districts throughout BC to develop a more proactive and strategic approach to predictable and highly publicized conflicts that arise each year in the public school system -defeated
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- Special resolution
 - That the Annual General Meeting First Notice be sent out 85 days prior to the AGM
 - Paul Straszak PSEC President
 - There are 180 expiring collective agreements
 - Wage settlements equal 55 percent of the 40 billion annual budget
 - We are looking at 4 years of deficit budgets
 - While the province is in deficit – no wage increases but no wage roll backs and there will be cuts to programs and services
 - The CPI is .03 %
 - Some settlements are SFU rollover for 2 years, HEA Community Bargaining 2 year

net zero

Superintendent Samchuck

- attended a meeting with MLA Mr. Pat Pimm,
- has been focusing on budget for the past 2 months,
- worked on the weekend with the Secretary-Treasurer on budget, quite far behind in other areas of work,
- meeting at FNSS to discussion Children in Care, and
- met with the Community Literacy Society.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- attended the meeting with the MLA Mr. Pat Pimm, and
- will be meeting with the Ministry of Children and Families to discuss Speech and Language grant.

Director of Instruction Irwin

- Attended a series of Special Education workshops.

FNDTA President Yvette Taylor - Nothing to report

FNDTA Liaison, S. Nay - Nothing to report

Chair Dolen provided the Board with highlights from the throne speech

- Chair Dolen will post highlights on all staff.

R09-286 Adjournment

That that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
CARRIED

Maginel/Gilbert

Linda Dolen
Chairperson

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer