

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
January 20, 2009

Call to Order

Chairperson Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and apologized for the late start.

Present

L. Dolen, Chairperson
M. Gilbert, Vice Chairperson
L. Bumstead, Trustee
D. Tofte, Trustee
C. Maginel, Trustee

D. Samchuck, Superintendent
R. Irwin, Director of Instruction
M. Hall, Secretary Treasurer
K. Walsh, Recording Secretary

Y. Taylor, FNDTA President

R09-001

Acceptance of Agenda

Bumstead/Gilbert

That the Agenda is accepted as presented.

CARRIED

R09-002

Acceptance of Minutes

Bumstead/Gilbert

That the minutes of the Open Meeting December 16, 2008 be accepted as amended.

Report of Closed Items

Staff Appreciation / Retirement Policy (New)

Staff Appreciation Dinner

Board Office Janitor Contract

Transfers In/out for December

Suspension Report for December

District Discipline Review Committee Report for December

Budget Formula Presentation

Superintendent Absence

Organization of Schools

R09-003

That the minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of December 16, 2008 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

R08-144, Use of Facilities to read That to replace hat

Business Arising – Recreation Use of Facilities

Letter has been sent to NRRD for support. A general use meeting has not been arranged.

Education – Action

Climate Action Charter

Discussion took place on available funding, time and manpower that would be needed, timeframe for Carbon Neutral, and how estimating climate changes in regards to costs would be done. Trustees are uncomfortable to sign the agreement and asked that a letter be written to BCSTA that includes questions on funding for older buildings, the timeframe on being Carbon Neutral, the baseline for calculations and what the province is willing to give up to achieve this. Chair Dolen will have discussion around this at the NIB meeting next week.

BCSTA Motions

No motions from SD81.

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| R09-004 | RLA Fundraising Activity
That the Board of Education support the request for the Grade 7 class to hold a Penny Drive Fundraiser from January 26 to February 6, 2009, raising money for an orphanage in Africa.
CARRIED | Bumstead/Maginel |
| R09-005 | FNSS Girl's Curling Team
That the Board of Education School District #81 support the request for the travel funds up to approximately \$1500.00.
CARRIED | Maginel/Gilbert |
| R09-006 | FNSS Band Fundraising Request
That the Board of Education School District #81 approve the additional fundraising proposal in the amount of \$2000.00 and encourages the public to come out and listen to the rehearse-a-thon.
CARRIED
The Board of Education would like clarity on the purpose of the fundraising. Discussion resulted in agreement to review the fundraising policy. | Maginel/Gilbert |
| R09-007 | Early Learning Grant Equipment Approval
That the Board of Education School District #81 approve the request from Country Care Preschool for an additional \$221.11 over the original request of \$1105.40 for a total of \$1326.51.
CARRIED | Maginel/Bumstead |

- R09-008 Amendments to Staff List Bumstead/Tofte
 That the Board of Education School District #81 ratify the amendments to the staff list.
 CARRIED
- R09-009 One Ton Truck
 Tofte/Gilbert
 That the Board of Education School District #81 table discussion on the One Ton Truck until the next meeting.
 CARRIED
- R09-0910 Information Maginel/Bumstead
 That the Board of Education SD #81 receive and file the following education, personnel, facilities/services and finance information items:
- Principal's Reports
 - School Community Connections Funds
 - Parents Reading Children Succeeding Report
 - Essay Winner
 - Reading File
 - Positions That Have Not Been Replaced
 - Financial Report for December 31, 2008
- CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer Hall will set up a meeting with Trustees to go over Budget information before February 10, 2009.

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

Trustee Tofte attended the calendar meeting and will attend the RLA PAC meeting tomorrow night. Trustee Tofte attended a conference call with the BCPSEA.

Trustee Bumstead attended the Staff Appreciation Policy Review meeting, and the GWC PAC meeting which included a Magic Show. Trustee Bumstead will be attending a weekend of training in February on Restorative Justice. She reported there is no date set yet for the Early Learning Grant and Facilities meeting. Trustee Bumstead inquired about a runner up if a Scholarship is not collected. Secretary Treasurer Hall will inquire further into this. Trustee Bumstead will be absent for the meeting on March 3, 2009.

Chair Dolen attended the Staff Appreciation Policy Review meeting. As well, she participated in conference calls with the BC Schools Superintendent and the BCPSEA on Standardized Testing, and BCEL on Leadership. She reported that the BCEL will no longer receive

funding from the Ministry of Education. Chair Dolen will be attending a BCPSEA meeting this Friday and a NIB meeting next week.

Superintendent Samchuck had several conference calls regarding FSA. Superintendent Samchuck reported that Superintendent's that attend the BCSTA meeting will meet in regions to come up with a cautionary plan to see if they wish to participate in regional leadership training through BCELC.

Superintendent Samchuck thanked the President of the FNDDTA and the Principal of GWC for their planning of the District In-service day.

Secretary Treasurer Hall chaired the calendar meeting with all the stakeholders. She also attended the conference call on FSA. Secretary Treasurer Hall reported on the newly mandated Employment Data & Analysis System, (EDAS). She attended the first of three, three hour training sessions which prepares her and staff for the significant workload of data entry and configuration between each session. Secretary Treasurer Hall attended the weekly maintenance meeting and commented on the Janitorial Contract. She also reported on the time needed to input data into the new Work Order System.

Stakeholder Inquiries

FNDDTA President Taylor reported that she attended the calendar meeting. She informed the Board of Education that an application to access some of the unspent joint FNDDTA/Board Pro D money was received and approved. A protocol has been developed that outlines the appeal process of a denied Pro D Plan.

R09-011 Adjournment Bumstead/Tofte
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 pm.
CARRIED

Linda Dolen
Chairperson

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer