

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
June 2, 2009

Call to order Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Y. Taylor, FNDDA President

R09-189 Acceptance of the Agenda Bumstead/Maginel
That the Agenda be accepted as amended.

6a. FNSS Music Department Field Trip and fundraising
proposal
CARRIED

R09-190 Acceptance of the Minutes Gilbert/Bumstead
That the minutes of the previous Open Meeting of May
12, 2009 be accepted as amended.
CARRIED

Trustee Gilbert would like the minutes to reflect his
statement "while he supports the intent he *doesn't agree*
with singling out a specific group; be it this one or another
one, the current harassment policy provides universal
protection for all staff and students. "

For the record Trustee Gilbert voted no.

Report of Closed Items:

- Exempt Salary Adjustments
- Suspension Report for May
- District Discipline Review committee Report for May
- Staff Evaluations
- Budget Update

Economic Literacy

Superintendent Samchuck provided information to the Board of Education on this topic. Planning 9 & 10 has a large section on Economic Literacy. This item might be something to work on with the Community Literacy Society. Trustee Bumstead indicated that this was a good start.

R09-191

Music Department trip

That the Board of Education of School District #81 Fort Nelson approve Mr. Johnstone, Band Teacher to proceed with his Music Trip proposal for April, 2010 Cantando Music Festival in Toronto, On. Included in this approval is the authorization for the Band Students to do the Dinner Table Bussing at Grad for an estimated \$500 towards their trip.
CARRIED

Maginel/Gilbert

Trustee Bumstead opened the discussion with the fact that there will be 3 major trips next year and it seems to be a lot of fundraising for such a small community. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that the Band trip within Canada and the trip and the fundraising plan would have normally been submitted in the fall, but the Band students have a fundraiser planned for June and therefore needed prior approval. Trustee Tofte commented on the quality of Mr. Johnstone's proposal.

R09-192

School Fundraising Plan

To have a meeting in the fall to develop a district fundraising plan so that everyone has an equal chance to fundraise.
CARRIED

Bumstead/Maginel

R09-193

Amendments to the Staff List

That the Board of Education receive and file the following education item:
Amendments to the staff list.
CARRIED

Bumstead/Tofte

R09-194

Rental Rates

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to advise the Family Development society that the rental of the portable will increase to .31/sq ft as of October 1, 2009.
CARRIED

Bumstead/Tofte

R09-195

Toad River House

That the Board of Education authorize the administration to advise the current renter at Toad River that the cost of Hydro will no longer be included in the rental cost when the new Hydro project is complete.

CARRIED

R09-196

Trustee Compensation

Gilbert/Maginel

That the Board of Education authorize the compensation for the Board Chair to be increased in the amount of \$1500 to be drawn from trustee travel for the upcoming 2009/2010 school year.

CARRIED

R09-197

Trustee Compensation

Bumstead/Maginel

That the Board of Education approve 5% increases for general trustee compensation be deferred for review for a year.

CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Trustee Tofte attended the FNSS & RLA PAC meeting. He also attended a meeting with the ombudsman which he thought was good that she spent the time with our board. Trustee Tofte suggested that assignments of the trustees for next school year be made so that introductions can be made at the next PAC Meetings.
- Trustee Maginel, attended and enjoyed the ombudsman meeting.
- Trustee Bumstead attended the ombudsman meeting and felt it was good information to know; she also attended a GWC PAC meeting.
- Trustee Gilbert did attend a JSC PAC meeting and no serious concerns other than staffing concerns were shared. He also attended Rachel's Rally today. Trustee Gilbert commented on the draft policy LGBTQ. He feels that the present District Harassment Policy applies to any group and feels that needs with regards to Harassment are met, he opposes on grounds of principle and not source. Trustee Gilbert indicated that he would like an amendment to the minutes and his vote to be recorded as a *no* with regards to the Policy on Sexual Orientation.
- Chair Dolen attended the Annual General Meeting in Kelowna and asked that the other Trustees have a look at their calendars as soon as possible as to whether or not to attend the NIB in Smithers, September 25 & 26, 2009. She went to see Pat Pimm, MLA. She was unable to attend the Rachel's Rally, but did attend the ombudsman, and will be attending the LEA meeting.
- Superintendent Samchuk felt that Rachel's Rally was a successful day, the event went t over well, great to see that number of kids out. She has been working on the Principals' evaluations, one more observation and then all her evaluations will be finished. The Superintendent put a quiz on email regarding the tied top score in

provincial grade 4 reading! The Official results haven't been posted on the internet yet, nice to think that with the ministry research the kids who do well in gr. 4 do well in gr. 10. She is working on achievement and literacy reports.

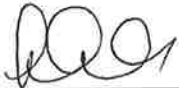
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall acted as a judge at the GWC science fair, it was well organized. She commented that an extensive facility report would be due in the spring of 2010 – we were reminded this week that it must include enough space to accommodate the pre-school and full day Kindergarten. As well the Secretary-Treasurer commented that she hoped the board would acknowledge the reading scores through a piece in the paper in the future.
- Director of Instruction Irwin also acted as judge at the science fair and said it was a lot of fun. He attended Rachel's' Rally and was involved in a teleconference with the Ministry of Children & Families regarding funds to be assigned at the Success by Six Table.
- FNDA President Taylor – nothing to report

R09-198

Adjournment

Gilbert/Maginel

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer