

SCHOOL DISTRICT #81 (FORT NELSON)  
FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES

Open Meeting  
7:00 pm

Tuesday  
March 02, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 - away  
S. Nay, FNDTA Liaison – away

Present: Mrs. Carol Seidel, Northern Rockies Senior Society

R10-011

Acceptance of Agenda  
That the Board of Education accept the agenda as presented.  
CARRIED

Gilbert/Bumstead

R10-012

Acceptance of the Minutes  
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the previous meeting of  
February 9, 2010 as amended.  
CARRIED

Gilbert/Bumstead

February 9, 2010

Chair Dolen attended the meeting with the MLA, Mr. Pat Pimm.

Report of Closed Items:

- Escort Service
- Policy Review – 2000 Series Continuation
- Renewal of Director of Instruction Contract
- School Board Office Basement
- Suspension Report for February
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for February
- Superintendent's Report
- Copy of Governance Survey
- Budget Information

Northern Rockies Senior Society

Mrs. Carol Seidel introduced herself as the President (check) of the Northern Rockies Senior Society. She spoke about an initiative the Seniors Society is undertaking. Their objective is to build a seniors complex on the land behind the School Board Office. She explained that funding is very sparse for brick and mortar projects. The NRSS offered an idea "Hoops for Homes" in which the students of the schools would participate in fundraising for the initiative. Mrs. Seidel would like to approach the school Administrators and School Parent Advisory Committees by the end of the school year, with approval to have the "Hoops for Home" event in September. The NRSS believes that this event is an opportunity for students to learn about seniors and their needs, as well as provide an exercise benefit.

Chair Dolen commented that the normal procedure for the Board of Education is to receive and file the information and advise the presenter at a later time on the decision.

Mrs. Carol Seidel, NRSS left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The Board of Education had a lengthy discussion on the fundraising proposed by Mrs. Seidel. The Board agreed that Mrs. Seidel from the Northern Rockies Senior Society can speak to the school principals and PAC's about her proposal. The School Administrators can decide whether they want to support the initiative and if so will include it in the yearly fundraising plan in the 2010/2011 School year.

#### Business Arising

- a. In-Town Bussing Students
- b. Cadets
- c. Letter re: School Code of Conduct

Brief discussion around the bussing at Fort Nelson Secondary School. Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that it would be looked when discussions take place regarding the additional minutes required for the local calendar.

Trustee Bumstead likes the School Codes of Conduct posted in the Board Room.

R10-013

#### Business Credit Cards - Policy 3155

That the Board of Education adopt Policy 3315 – Business Credit Cards as per recommendation. (change word responsible to accountable)  
CARRIED

Tofte/Maginel

R10-014

#### RL Angus Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan

That the Board of Education approve the RL Angus Elementary School PAC Fundraising Plan.  
CARRIED

Bumstead/Gilbert

R10-015	GWC PAC Fundraising Plan 2010/2011 That the Board of Education approve the GWC PAC fundraising plan. CARRIED	Gilbert/Maginel
R10-016	Amendments to the Staff List That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list. CARRIED	Bumstead/Gilbert

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Finance Committee - none
- Education Committee - none
- Policy Committee - none
- Calendar Committee - none
- Green Committee – Mar. 15, 2010
- Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee

Trustee Maginel – nothing to report

Trustee Gilbert

- Attended the BCSTA Provincial council meeting, which a number of trustees were disappointed at the non appearance of the Deputy Minister of Education.
- Motions dealt with were not of a great substance, looking forward to the upcoming AGM,
- Attended FNSS PAC meeting, yearbook will likely not happen this year,
- Intown bussing topic of discussion inequity
- Meeting with the municipality, quite pleased with the level of meeting that trustees were awarded and visual form of cooperation
- have we put in grant in aid request?
- Again the province leaves me concerned as I have ever been with the phrase “assisting districts to find efficiencies in the coming weeks.”
- Went through the cheque signing left me with a few questions, not major issues but wondering, will forward to the bulletin board.

Trustee Bumstead

- Attended the meeting with the town
- Acknowledged the work that went into the letter to the Minister of Education and thanked the administration for the effort put into the letter and hopefully it will help in securing the funding.
- Attended Success by Six meeting
- PAC meeting next week will report at next meeting

Trustee Tofte

- Attended the meeting with the town and was very impressed with the information presented to the town
- Attended PAC meeting , PAC received \$2000 from Schlumberger, for an author visit, which was very well received by the schools
- I haven’t asked for a Pac fundraising plan
- FSA scores at JSC – were a little bit misleading whenever they are

presented and need to get the administrator to explain

**Chair Dolen**

- Was unable to attend the GWC PAC, and Toad River PAC
- No contract/union meeting
- Attended the special meeting with the Town council
- Thank you all for coming to the town council meeting

**Superintendent Samchuck**

- Has had to deal with a lot of Human Resources issues these past few weeks.
- Special meeting with the Town Council
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall and Superintendent Samchuck attended the Success by Six meeting - the Early Years report from the Family Development Society was not sent to the school district
- Trustee Bumstead asked if a letter can be sent asking about the oversight
- Rachel's' Challenge – pretty successful chaperoned the dance at FNSS largely RLA students – very well behaved – the training went well, community session was not well attended.

**Secretary-Treasurer Hall - nothing to report**

R10-017

**Letter to Minister of Education**

That the Board of Education receive and file the Letter and information provided.

CARRIED

Maginel/Bumstead

Trustee Tofte & Trustee Maginel acknowledged the work that went into the letter to the Minister of Education. Trustee Tofte asked if the administration can confirm with the Ministry, receipt of the letter.

R10-018

**Adjournment**

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

CARRIED

Bumstead/Maginel

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Linda Dolen  
Chairperson

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Margaret-Anne Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer