

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

Open Meeting
7:00 pm

Tuesday
March 23, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:-00 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 FNDA

S. Nay, FNDA Liaison

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| R10-019 | Acceptance of Agenda
That the Board of Education accept the agenda as presented.
CARRIED | Bumstead/Maginel |
| R10-020 | Acceptance of the Minutes
That the Board of Education accept the minutes of the previous meeting of March 2, 2010 as presented.
CARRIED | Maginel/Gilbert |
| | Report of Closed Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy Series 2000• Personnel Contract Renewal• Staff Appreciation• School District Rental Rates• Transfers in/Out for February• Suspension Report for March• District Discipline Review Committee Report for March• Exempt Staff Vacation Report• Budget Information | |
| R10-021 | Toad River School Calendar
That the Board of Education approve the calendar for Toad River School for the 2010/2011 school year.
CARRIED | Maginel/Bumstead |
| R10-022 | Amendments to the Staff List | Gilbert/Maginel |

That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list.
CARRIED

R10-023 Central Mountain Air E-Tickets Bumstead/Gilbert
That the Board of Education approve the Administration to purchase E-Pass tickets from Central Mountain air in June, 2010. The Board would have one year to use the passes.
CARRIED

R10-024 Education Information Items Bumstead/Tofte
That the Board of Education receive and file the attached information from the following items:

- Principal's Reports
- GWC FSA Report
- BCSTA AGM ballet Allocation by district

CARRIED

R10-025 Financial Report for February, 2010 Tofte/Gilbert
That the Board of Education receive and file the information provided.
CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Finance Committee - none
- Education Committee - none
- Policy Committee - none
- Calendar Committee - none
- Green Committee – Mar. 15, 2010
 - Trustee Tofte thought the Green Committee Meeting was poorly attended. Trustee Tofte extended kudos to the administration of School District #81 for all their "Green" efforts and noted that the School District was about six months ahead of the town. Trustee Tofte asked about the anti idling signs. Secretary-Treasurer Hall had spoken to the maintenance supervisor and he felt that it would be best to put the signs up after the summer break as signs do go missing. Trustee Tofte felt that the meetings had a lot of good discussion, lots of positive things happening in schools. Kids are doing lots of neat stuff; should encourage parents to partake.
- Earth Hour – March 27, 2010, 8:30 p.m.
- Earth Day, April 22, 2010
- Director of Instruction Irwin
 - The midyear Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee meeting was held. The meeting was fairly well attended, and some of the information shared included student achievement, success and challenges. The report will be looked at carefully for the future to see what changes can be made for the new contract.
- Trustee Gilbert
- Attended the FNSS PAC meeting, some of the items brought up were the attendance policy not having the desired effects. There will be another

- PAC meeting later this month.
- Attended the Science Fair at RLA, it was well attended by the community and lots of involvement in terms of judging. The students seemed to have learned quite a lot and were very involved.
- Trustee Gilbert commented: *"I want to measure my words in terms of my reaction to the article in Fort Nelson News in regards to education funding. I would characterize it as misleading, it amounts to a shuffling of funds by the province - funds which have been previously announced under one heading have been moved, with a second figure presented in another location. It amounts to a double announcement of the same funds. The article no doubt taken from ministry sources identifies funds for all day kindergarten and the teacher labour agreement as new funding. It fails to identify these as new expenses initiated by the government. In real term the net increase, while quoted in the \$120 million range is actually \$0. In terms of helping us with our expenses it is a zero (0)."*
- Trustee Bumstead
 - Attended the Green Committee meeting
 - R.L. Angus Elementary PAC Meeting
 - Didn't attend the last R.L. Angus Elementary PAC Meeting, don't know why, missed it.
 - The PAC had an inquiry around decision of the Board not to fund the science kids going south this year
 - Trustee Bumstead commented: "After a 2nd term of Board administration labors, thanks to the administration staff. Namely, Margaret-Anne Hall and Diana Samchuck, in particular, there was a lot of questions and reporting with respect to budget and although the school district is not out of the woods, it's not as bad as it was anticipated, and I just want to say thank you for the process."
- Trustee Maginel – nothing to report
- Trustee Tofte
 - Hasn't had any PAC meetings, the next one is the 25th, would be nice if a Board Administrator could attend. The PAC is so energetic and a really good group of people, would be nice to have an administrator attend.
- Chair Dolen
 - completed a Grant-In-Aide letter to the town,
 - attended the Aboriginal Education Meeting, and
 - was unable to attend Science Fair due to a grievance meeting.
- Superintendent Samchuck
 - attended the Aboriginal Education Enhancement meeting and a Green Committee Meeting.
- Chair Dolen advised the Public that the 21st Annual Staff Appreciation would be held on Friday, May 7, 2010. Hopefully no conflicts with the date picked.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- The Secretary-Treasurer, Administrative Assistant and the Bussing Contractor Supervisor met yesterday to look at possibilities for next year for FNSS students to have after school bussing. The one bus carried about 30 FNSS students to school and the biggest challenge is adding minutes to the calendar and to try to compress time between the elementary and secondary schools. It looks like it is going to be possible. We will be meeting with principals to discuss the minutes and in the fall look at a process of bus passes and who gets to ride. It didn't seem feasible to add additional runs or the elementary students who live out of town would have significant wait times. Won't have any final determination until the fall when the bus enrolment is in.
- Director of Instruction, Irwin
 - Was able to attend the RL Angus science fair this year, felt that because the fair has been going for a number of years, the students have really improved and progressed in the projects.

Chair Dolen commented that it is exciting that the PAC's funding has been increased to \$20 per student from the Gaming Branch.

Yvette Taylor, FNDTA President – nothing to report
 Sarah Nay, FNDTA Liaison, – nothing to report

R10-026

Adjournment

That that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
 CARRIED

Gilbert/Maginel

Linda Dolen
 Chairperson

Margaret-Anne Hall
 Secretary-Treasurer