

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

Open Meeting
7:00 pm

Tuesday
May 11, 2010

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

Present:

L. Dolen, Chair

M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair

C. Maginel, Trustee

D. Tofte, Trustee

D. Samchuck, Superintendent

R. Irwin, Director of Instruction

M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

K. Prouse, Recording Secretary

S. Nay, FNDTA Liaison

Y. Taylor, President FNDTA

Absent: L. Bumstead, Trustee

R10-038	Acceptance of Agenda That the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended. CARRIED	Tofte/Gilbert
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1 Addition:

10. d. Letter of Reply from the Minister of Education

R10-039	Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting April 13, 2010. CARRIED	Gilbert/Tofte
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Report on Closed Items

- Policy Series 3000
- Toad River Teacherage Rental Rates
- Property Adjacent to JS Clark Elementary School
- School community Connections Program
- Extension to Auditor's Contract
- Budget Item to consider:
- JSC Security Options
- Capital Projects 2010/2011 from Operating
- Tech Plan
- Trustee Compensation
- Transfers In/Out for April`
- Suspension Report for April
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for April

Business Arising:

JSC Security

Chair Dolen spoke to the item of vandalism at the JS Clark Elementary School. Several options have been presented to the Board. The Board has met with Staff Sgt. Roy and the Board is still looking at other security options. The Board members attended a meeting with the JSC PAC, and the Superintendent. One of the options being looked at is roll down shutters for the windows. Trees have been removed to provide clearer site lines into the school. The District had a security company employed for 2 weekends that attended all schools throughout the night. The RCMP has been providing increased surveillance at JS Clark.

The Board is currently waiting for prices on the final options before actions will be taken.

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| R10-040 | Trustee Assignments to Schools
That the Board of Education table this item until the next Board meeting on May 25, 2010.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| R10-041 | Board Meeting Dates for 2010/2011
That the Board of Education approve the proposed Board meeting dates for the 2010/2011 School year.
CARRIED | Tofte/Gilbert |
| R10-042 | Amendments to the Staff List
That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| R10-043 | FNSS Concession
That the Board of Education endorse the acceptance of the FNSS Concession bid of \$7500.00/year to Ms. Redington for the term of September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 with the option to extend for a further two years.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| | Trustee Tofte asked that a Thank you note be sent to Mrs. Shirley Umpherville as she has been the contractor for a number of years and has provided the School with good service. | |
| R10-044 | Toad River Propane
That the Board of Education accept the bid from Neufeld Petroleum and Propane Ltd. in the amount of .599 cents/litre plus escalation increases of 2010/11- .599, 2011/12 - .619, 2012/13 - .639. (3) 1000 Gallon Tanks complete with fittings, regulators and tank heaters – delivered and installed on site at Toad river, Mile 422.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| R10-045 | Janitorial Supplies & Autoscrubber Pads Tender
That the Board of Education authorize the administration to accept and approve the bid for Janitorial Supplies & Autoscrubber pads to Wrights' Food Service, Dawson Creek, BC in the amount of \$15,471.28.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| R10-046 | Community Use Cost Increase | Tofte/Gilbert |

That the Board of Education authorize an increase to \$28.00 plus HST, per hour for community usage to better reflect the recovery of costs associated with maintenance staff providing security and cleaning of our facilities associated with community rental usage.

CARRIED

Trustee Maginel attended the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

R10-047 5 year Capital Plan Tofte/Maginel

That the Board of Education authorize the school district administrative staff to prepare the School District 5 Year Capital Plan identifying the FNSS academic wing ventilation project and the GWC furnace replacement with high efficiency boilers project as priorities.

CARRIED

Secretary-Treasurer indicated that the plan will be presented at the May 25, 2010 Board meeting as the final is due on June, 2010 to the Ministry of Education. The Maintenance Supervisor has been in touch with the engineer and he is presently costing the projects out.

FNDDA President Taylor attended the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

R10-048 Trustee Compensation 2010/2011 School Year Gilbert/Maginel

That the Board of Education table this item until Trustee Bumstead has returned.
CARRIED

R10-049 Education - Information Maginel/Tofte

That the Board of Education receive and file the attached information from the above list.

- a. Principal's Reports
- b. FNSS Field Trips – Reports
- c. Carbon Report

CARRIED

Carbon Report

Secretary-Treasurer Hall spoke about the School District's Carbon Report. School District #81 is doing very well compared to many school districts. School District #81 held an Earth Day Art/Recycle contest, and conserve Energy Consumption contest. We did not have overwhelming participation with regards to the Art but most of the buildings participated in the reduction of energy consumption by turning their power off. Art pieces have been selected by the Arts Council and they will be put on our maintenance vans. Next year we will have the Art and recycle competition ahead of time with presentation on Earth Day. One more Green Committee Meeting will be held before the end of the year. Our monthly report requires that we focus on reducing our Carbon footprint in the 2 main areas of energy and paper consumption.

R10-050 April Financial Report Tofte/Gilbert

That the Board of Education receive and file the April Financial Report as presented.

CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

- Pandemic Committee Meeting - Completed
- Finance Committee nothing planned
- Education Committee May 20 and June 3, at 4:00 pm.
- Policy Committee -
- Calendar Committee - Completed
- Green Committee – TBA
- Aboriginal Enhancement Steering Committee – early June

Trustee Gilbert

- will be attending the FNSS PAC meeting tomorrow night,
- attended the Yes-To-It activities,
- attended a very well attended 21st Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner.
- The province is being less than honest in its presentation of funding to education. Specifically, they are not being forthright regarding clawbacks on funding in the form of arbitrary charges for the mandatory use of the province's carbon tracking system, and the time of disbursement of operating grants to school districts. Such charges as these and others have the effect of reducing available funds by many thousands of dollars.

Trustee Maginel

- attended the Yes-To-It, at Northern Lights College
- attended the RLA talent show, students really enjoyed it and the students did really, really good, very well done
- will be attending the RLA PAC meeting for Trustee Bumstead, unable to attend the GWC PAC meeting

Trustee Tofte

- attended the JSC PAC meeting on April 15. The discussion was on the vandalism at JS Clark; the parents are really supportive of the actions and proposals to date.
- attended the Education Committee meeting, enjoyed Principal Stephenson's presentation,
- will be attending the Education meetings on May 20 and June 4th,
- attended the 21st Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner.

Chair Dolen

- attended the JSC PAC meeting re: vandalism,
- attended the Education Committee Meeting.
- attended the 21st Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner; thank you to the Board Office Staff for organizing that event,
- attended the retirement social for Dr. Buff Oldridge, School Psychologist at Superintendent Samchuck's home
- attended the BCSTA AGM and submitted a lengthy report to Administrative Assistant Prouse. Chair Dolen described her report in detail
- there will be a luncheon on May 18 at 11:45 am at JSC and trees will be planted. The Project is sponsored by Energy in Action, Mr. Paul Sadlier, will donate his time to help with the planting, and Mr. Brad Murrin made benches for the area. Trustee Tofte and Trustee Maginel will attend.

Superintendent Samchuck

- attended the Education Committee meeting,
- attended the JSC PAC meeting on vandalism,
- attended an excellent Literacy meeting which Director of Instruction Irwin chaired, attended the 21st Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner, it was really nice to see so many people out,
- hosted a retirement get together for Dr. Buff Oldridge, School Psychologist, who has been coming to Fort Nelson for 28 years to test the children. Presented him with a moose hair tufting and he was very pleased.
- Superintendent Samchuck and Director of Instruction Irwin attended a monthly meeting with Ministry of Children and Families, really nice to have ongoing communication.
- attended a Success by Six meeting,
- attended a Preschool Health Round up meeting,
- had a call today from a fellow from Kelowna, will have a meeting on the 26th of May, with regards to interest from people pursuing their Master's Degree from Gonzaga University; hope it comes to fruition.
- Rachel's' Challenge Club will be hosting a dinner in recognition of the Senior Citizens and trustees are invited to attend on May 27th at 5:00 p.m. at the Lamplighters,
- judged Earth Day Events with Secretary-Treasurer Hall.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- Judged Earth Day Events with Superintendent Samchuck, really fun to be out in the schools,
- attended the honor roll assemblies at RL Angus Elementary School and Fort Nelson Secondary School,
- attended the 21st Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner.

Director of Instruction Irwin

- attended the retirement event for Dr. Buff Oldridge, School Psychologist, who has been coming to the school district for 28 year. Dr. Oldridge was pretty sad to be retiring he mentioned that he was glad he worked with children in Fort Nelson.
- attended a Pro-d committee meeting, and the plans are underway for next year's Pro-d event,
- series of workshops for Special Education Staff, Student Services Resource Teacher based on BC Case aimed mostly for new people. He was reminded of the importance of getting people together to talk about the work they do, to see our people so engaged
- Ready, Set Learn is completed, at JS Clark Elementary and GW Carlson Schools. A program will be arranged for Toad River.
- Completed our annual series of meetings with District Literacy Team, it was really enjoyable to hear about Literacy in the schools.

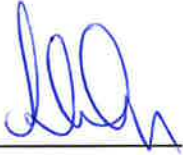
Chair Dolen commented that when speaking to Dr. Oldridge he had mentioned his work in the prisons and the relationship between education and the prisoner's incarceration. It was interesting that Dr. Oldridge noted that in his experience the majority of the prisoners had not finished high school and the majority of prisoners have learning disabilities.

FNDTA President Taylor

- The FNDTA had their final meeting for the Professional Growth Plans. The draft has been sent out and hopefully will be returned to be used next school year. Long term teachers will have a choice between the traditional teacher evaluation or the Professional Growth Model to be used as a pilot.
- The President of the BCTF will be coming into town next Tuesday; FNDTA President Taylor is hoping to get her to all schools to introduce her to staff members.

R10-051 **Adjournment**
That the Board of Education meeting adjourn at 7:55 pm.
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Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer