

SCHOOL DISTRICT #81 (FORT NELSON)
MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

OPEN MEETING

7:30 pm

Call to Order

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

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

D. Samchuck, Superintendent
M. Hall Secretary-Treasurer
K. Prouse, Recording Secretary

1 Item to be added to the Agenda: Education: Information –
Class Size Report FNSS (Samchuck)

R09-158

Acceptance of Agenda
CARRIED

Tofte/Gilbert

R09-159

Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting February
10, 2009.

Trustee Gilbert asked that the word “disbursement” be
changed to “accounting” in the Minutes of February 10, 2009,
Snowmobile Tender Item.

A discussion followed about the reporting procedures and that
it should be the Teacher requesting how the money is spent
and the Administrative Officer reporting to the Secretary-
Treasurer.

R09-160

Snowmobile Sale Revenue
Administrative Officer will provide an overview of monies
received from the snowmobile sales and plans for expenditures.
CARRIED

Gilbert/Tofte

FNSS Solar Panel Update

Trustee Gilbert asked that this item be kept on the Agenda
Business Arising and would like to know what contribution the
panels are making – is there a viable result? If this was a viable
endeavor would it be worth expanding?

R09-161

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

Gilbert/Tofte

R09-162

Vehicle Tender
That the board of Education endorse the acceptance of the

Tofte/Gilbert

offer of \$2600 for the 1992 GMC Truck with plow from Mr. & Mrs. Hart.

CARRIED

7:35 p.m. Chair Dolen removed herself from the table due to a conflict of interest with regards to the following item. Vice-Chair Gilbert acquired the Chair. Trustee Maginel was contacted on the phone to participate via speaker phone.

R09-163

Janitor Tender

Maginel/Tofte

That the Board of Education provide direction to Administration to proceed with the following recommendation of awarding of tenders:

Contractor	School Awarded	Bid Tendered
Sunjot Janitorial	G.W. Carlson Elementary School	152,790.00
JDB Janitorial	Fort Nelson Secondary School	330,000.00
H & G Janitorial	JS Clark Elementary School	94,350.00
H & G Janitorial	R.L. Angus Elementary School	150,075.00
	TOTAL	719,475.00

CARRIED

No indication of further discussion.

R09-164

Board Office Janitorial

Tofte/Maginel

That the Board of Education approve a 3 year School Board Janitorial contract at \$12,500.00 from Vicky Clark with an annual adjustment equal to the Vancouver core CPI in July of each year.

CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer Hall spoke to the contract with regards to the increase in keeping with the other contacts as it was only fair.

7 :45 p.m. Chair Dolen returned to the table and the meeting continued.

R09-165

February Enrollment Recount

Gilbert/Tofte

That the Board of Education receive and file the information presented.

CARRIED

A concern was expressed with regards to class sized in Math 9/10 – and Trustee Gilbert felt that it was a less than optimal situation for the students. This is a very difficult situation in that

subject area. Superintendent Samchuck stated that the Administration had done everything they could, there is an Education Assistant assigned to the class, and any new students entering would have to pick other courses at this time.

R09-166

BC Mail Partnership

Tofte/Gilbert

At the February 10, 2009 meeting the Trustees authorized the Secretary-Treasurer to negotiate with BC Mail Plus. As a result of these negotiations BC Mail Plus will pay the School District \$3500.00 annually as well as supply the digital mail machine and all related supplies. As well BC Mail Plus courier will pick up our post office mail and deliver our post office mail. This task will not reduce any hours of our BCGEU member.

CARRIED

Trustee Reports/Inquiries

Trustee Tofte was a judge at the RLA Science Fair. He said the kids were awesome and the event was well organized and well attended and he was impressed at the quality of the projects. He also attended the RLA PAC meeting. The agenda items were the Calendar survey, temperature and he stated that the parents liked receiving the letter on school re-organization. He also congratulated the Senior boys on their success at making it to the Single A Provincials, and the senior girls also qualified in curling.

Trustee Gilbert was also a judge at the RLA Science Fair and stated that it was absolutely fascinating, the kids were really enthusiastic and showed considerable ingenuity and he was very impressed with what kids are capable of.

Nothing to report with regards to PAC meetings.

Trustee Gilbert has verbally resigned from the BCGEU Bargaining committee as he is now employed at Northern Lights College and is not a BCGEU member.

Chair Dolen attended the Bridge Building which was well attended.

She also attended the keynote for the February 20 inservice. Trustee Dolen was also excited about some new technology called Wii-Mote Smartboard an alternate method in taking notes.

She also requested research into "illuminate".

She attended a session in which Minister Bond spoke about safety and personnel issues, public sector freeze on wages, Early learning and broader use of facilities.

The Provincial Council passed two motions – 1 on new school construction & repairs and the release of FSA scores to not be released.

Trustee Gilbert asked that the Board extend condolences to Mrs. Taylor, FNDA President on the passing of her husband. The Board sent a fruit basket had put the news on all staff.

Superintendent Samchuck stated that the School District inservice went well. She was unable to participate in the judging of the science fair, but had heard it was one of the best organized events.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall informed the Board of Education that the calendar survey had a good response and the data was being collated and another meeting would be held to determine the School Calendar.

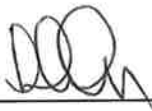
The E-Desk Report was ready to be sent for the first quarterly. The Actuary Report was due every 5 years and was an enormous job and a lot of the information was duplicate. Sustainable Schools – a meeting with BC Hydro will be set up to develop a plan for the School District. A Green Club meeting will be set up and a meeting date after spring break. Secretary-Treasurer Hall also spoke about the meeting with the Ministry of Children and Families and indicated that all outstanding invoices were paid.

Trustee Tofte asked about the GST. Secretary Treasurer Hall indicated that a review of the books will be done and any additional GST will be collected, the audit is the correct process and it is a normal reporting function.

R09-167
Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.
CARRIED

Gilbert/Tofte



Linda Dolen
Chairperson



Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer